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Holiday couple spark Devon dinghy rescue

BY DAN PALMER
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A RETIRED couple from Bletchley have been credited with saving the lives of three young men who got into trouble out at sea.

Mick Plummer, 71, and his partner Hilary Hawes, 69, *pictured*, were picnicking by the coast while on holiday in Ilfracombe, Devon, when the life-or-death drama started to unfold before them.

Mr Plummer, a keen bird watcher, had a telescope and a pair of binoculars with him which he used to investigate a black dot they had spotted about half a mile out to sea.

It soon became apparent that what he was looking at was the three young men in trouble in their craft.

He told the harbourmaster, who in turn alerted the coastguard and the men, who were in danger of being swept out to sea because of rough and choppy conditions, were brought safely back ashore thanks to a tow boat.

The couple were told that if they hadn't spotted the dinghy then the lunchtime incident could have ended in tragedy.

They have often spent holidays in Devon, but Mr Plummer said that this was the first time anything out of the ordinary had happened.

"We are just pleased that they are all okay," he said.

"I saw them rowing like mad but the wind was underneath them and there was no way that they could get back.

"We thought it would be best to tell somebody what we had seen."

Despite their ordeal, sparked when a broken motor caused the inflatable vessel to drift, Mr Plummer said the trio had not shown any gratitude.

"They haven't thanked us and just seemed to think that it was all a big laugh," Mr Plummer said.

The local coastguard in Devon has slammed the men, who they say set out on their ill-fated voyage with dangerously limited supplies.

They were not prepared for their trip as they set off with no flares or life jackets and only one paddle.

One of them had taken a mobile phone on board, but this got wet and as a result stopped working.

In addition they had failed to tell the relevant authorities that they were setting off.

Dave Mannering, from the coastguard, said that the actions of the couple had been absolutely vital.

He said: "If it hadn't been for them nobody would have known about it until it was too late."

The couple were hoping for a less incident packed remainder of their holiday before coming home today.

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Bank manager gets jail for £189k fraud

BY ADAM GRINSELL
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A BANK manager was jailed for three years on Monday after gambling away thousands of pounds of his customers' money.

Savings belonging to dementia sufferers and a widow were siphoned off by Lee Newton, a bank manager at two Lloyds TSB branches, to pay for his gambling addiction.

Newton, who worked at the bank's branch in Wolverton as well as one in Buckingham, targeted pensioners who were unlikely to access their accounts regularly, by withdrawing their money and depositing it as his own.

The fraud took place between September 2008 and January 2011.

Suspicions were raised when the 32-year-old's bosses noticed vast amounts of money going in and out of his account, Aylesbury Crown Court was told.

When confronted, Newton admitted to one of the bank's directors and a risk manager, who were carrying out an internal investigation, just what he had done, said prosecutor Kevin West.

Newton, of Wolverton Road, was arrested and charged by police before admitting ten counts of fraud by abuse of position with a total sum taken amounting to £189,175.38.

In one case, £123,000 was taken by Newton from the accounts of William and Elsie Hendricks, who both suffered from dementia, said Mr West.

Caroline Evans, defending, said her client had intended to pay the money back to his customers.

"Essentially this was a case of robbing Peter to pay Paul," she said. "He had the money and intended to pay it back from his winnings.

"This was not to pay for a lavish lifestyle - it was to fund a gambling addiction.

"He is genuinely ashamed of what he has done."

She added her client should be given credit for an early guilty plea and having no previous convictions.

Children have a closer look at the first pillar of the MK Rose

First MK Rose pillar unveiled

THE first piece of the city's new £1.2million sculpture was officially unveiled on Friday.

Known as the MK Rose, the memorial in Campbell Park will commemorate and celebrate events in history with 140 inscribed pillars.

After a ceremony of remembrance to mark Armistice Day, mayor of Milton Keynes Alan Richards revealed pillar number one – which pays tribute to the men and women from the city who have died in conflicts.

It features the message 'we will remember them'.

The public are now being consulted on what other events should be given their own pillar.

Thirty are to be left blank for events which happen in the future.

The MK Rose, which is being backed by MK NEWS, has been designed by artist Gordon Young.

It was commissioned by the city's Cenotaph Trust.

■ To see pictures from Remembrance Sunday, turn to pages 12 and 13.

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Arrests are made after rave bust

TWO people have been arrested after a rave was set up in Bletchley in the early hours of Sunday morning.

Intelligence led officers to attend an industrial unit in Third Avenue, Denbigh West Industrial Estate, where they found between 200 and 300 people setting up a sound system.

Around 50 officers attended, supported by the force helicopter and police dogs.

After speaking to the organisers, officers seized the sound equipment and dispersed the crowd.

A 25-year-old man from Northampton was arrested on suspicion of violent disorder and a 21-year-old man from Leighton Buzzard was arrested on suspicion of burglary.

Chief Inspector Ed Mclean said: "The officers who attended were faced with a large group of people, some of whom were intent on creating disorder from the start. Missiles were thrown at officers and the situation had the potential for serious disorder.

"This all took place in an area of the city which has in recent months had to deal with the disorder linked to the events in London.

"It was imperative our officers acted quickly and decisively and arrested those who were responsible."

Meeting to scrutinise hospital budget pressures

THE 'pressure' on the hospital's financial situation is set to be scrutinised by a council committee next week.

The all-party health select committee will look at how Government cuts could affect Milton Keynes Hospital's financial position on Tuesday.

Councillor Nigel Long, chairman of the committee, said: "We know that it is predicting a big deficit and that it is under pressure from Government cuts. We want to explore how well the hospital is coping.

"We need to make sure that public money is well spent and that Government cuts are not undermining the hospital."

The hospital has a programme in place to try to ensure it meets its financial challenges.

A hospital spokesman said: "Milton Keynes Hospital NHS Foundation Trust is facing a challenging time financially, with changes to the way services are commissioned and other cost pressures impacting budgets.

"To address these issues, the trust launched a comprehensive Transformation Programme in January, with a target of saving £27.7million over two years."

Payout plea for wind farm plans

BY ADAM GRINSELL
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THE fight for compensation for those who live on the edges of wind farm developments was taken to Parliament last week.

On Thursday, Milton Keynes North MP Mark Lancaster asked for a debate in the chamber at Westminster.

He said: "May we have a debate on renewable energy to discuss whether the time has come to follow the Danish model wherein local communities, which often see no direct benefit from wind farms, are compensated by developers should there be a loss of local amenities and a reduction in house prices?"

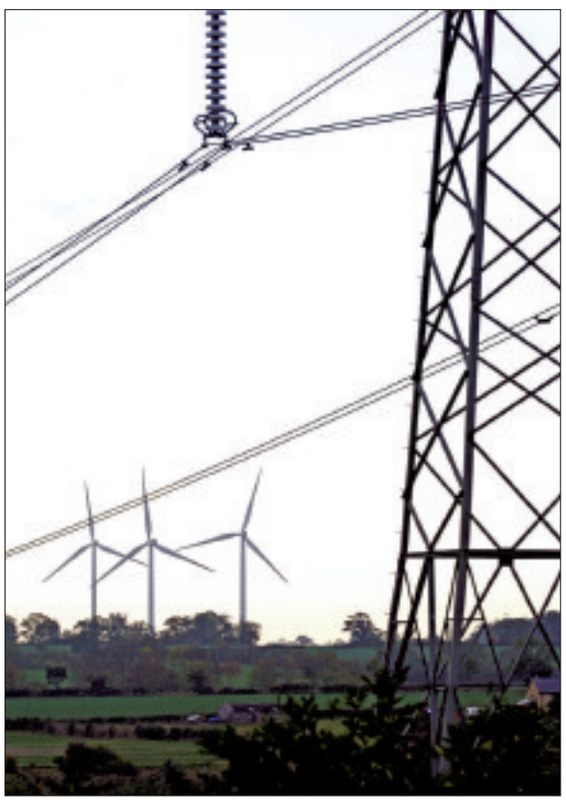
Mr Lancaster represents several communities to the north of the city which, as previously reported by this paper, are campaigning against current wind farm proposals, such as one in Salcey Forest and another near Haversham and Little Linford.

After his question, he said: "I have always been adamant that the number of windfarm applications being made in our local area is disproportionally high in comparison to other areas of the same size.

"Let me be clear that I am not against renewable energy sources, but judging by the environmental reports done in the area and also due to the lack of suitable sites in our countryside, I believe they would be better placed in more viable areas.

"I will be meeting with the minister to discuss my concerns, raising it in the chamber and will also be introducing a Ten Minute Rule Bill in March regarding compensation for houses affected by the building of wind farms."

One campaigner against the proposed Orchard Way wind farm near Haversham, Pam Williams, said although she thinks people would welcome this kind of move generally, it wouldn't change her position with regards to her fight against wind turbines.



The view from Lavendon to wind farm at Petso End

She said: "I wouldn't change my opinion of the Haversham wind farm because I think it's in completely the wrong place.

"But I think people feel, if something does have to happen, those who are adversely affected should have some recompense."

MP calls for debate on rail link proposal

THE case for an east-west rail link was brought before ministers yesterday in a debate proposed by MP Iain Stewart.

The campaign for East-West Rail, which would link Oxford with Cambridge and would pass through Bletchley, is a long running one and now those involved are competing for Government funding which could see the project realised.

Mr Stewart is a strong supporter of the campaign, and proposed the 30-minute debate in the chamber at Westminster yesterday morning to promote the project.

In it, he argued the project could generate an additional 2.58million annual rail trips, reducing car journeys by 1.47million, and has 'the potential for an annual uplift in regional GDP of £38.1million'.

After the debate, he said: "The project is forecast to generate up to 12,000 jobs regionally and it will improve access from Milton Keynes to places like Oxford and Cambridge and further afield."

He said he felt the debate went well and he received support from many of his colleagues from different parties, but that the project's profile needs to be maintained if funding is to be granted.

A decision with regards to where the Government money will be spent will be made next summer.

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Memorial 'a great idea'

SIR - What a splendid idea the city memorial is (Have your say on new £1.2m city memorial, MK NEWS, November 2).

I would like to see considered the cracking of the Enigma code as I feel it is worthy of a mention.

Evelyn Burden
Monkston

Is rose in the right place?

SIR - Though I see that MK NEWS supports the demolition of the Campbell Park fountain and its replacement with the MK Rose, I see it as a totally inappropriate use of the space and money.

The current space is popular with families and individuals who like the water feature. Groups sit around it in the summer and it forms a dynamic focal point to the space.

To replace this with this 'memorial' seems ludicrous. The organisers may feel that the dark stone and hard surfaces are 'reverential'. I see them as bleak and unpersonable.

The Parks Trust's original plans for this space did not include this memorial. It seems to have been hijacked by others who see the need to impose public art in spaces where it is neither appreciated or useful. Don't get me wrong, I am all for public art and love its inclusion in MK.

Surely, if a memorial space is wanted in MK, it would be much better to site it in the circular garden space just to the north of the current fountain's position. The same garden that currently houses the maze and sundial.

Name and address supplied

Sleep's the main issue

SIR - Regarding your story 'Views sought on flight path plans' (MK NEWS, November 2).

For me the main issue is whether Cranfield's flight operations are likely to cause sleep deprivation among the resident populations, both young and older, in areas surrounding the airport.

Research in areas affected by Luton Airport's flight operations in the early 1990s showed the incidence of night flights correlated with complaints about night time operations, but not exclusively - they affected the level of complaints about daytime operations as well.

There's also a question about possible noise interference with teachers' and students' schooling activities? And will MK Hospital be affected?

It is reassuring that the article indicates that Cranfield is open only for daytime operations; but how certain can we be that this will remain the case in the foreseeable future?

The article does not say whether aircraft are arriving on the proposed new route, or departing; there's a huge noise difference between them.

The types of aircraft that typically use Cranfield Airport tend to be smaller than those passenger and freight types that operate in and out of Luton and Heathrow, both of which, I suspect, are able to run some night flights.

I also suspect the current noise impact from these two airports is greater than Cranfield's, even allowing for the higher altitudes they've reached by the time they pass overhead.

Philip Wareham
Sent by e-mail

Parking elsewhere costs

SIR - Further to your article 'Review leads to parking change' (MK NEWS, September 21) and my previous letter which you kindly printed on October 5.

While the new, fee paying, NCP car park at John Lewis 'recognises that mobility for disabled customers is paramount', if the disabled spaces are full and you need to park in another bay you will need to pay and display, otherwise you are liable to receive a parking ticket.

This is apparently outlined on the newly erected signs and even on appeal you will be required to pay the £35 fine (as did my disabled friend).

NCP states 'to maintain and manage our car parks in the highest standards, it is not possible to offer disabled badge holders free access to our services'.

I spoke with the Disability Rescource Centre, they in turn spoke with Milton Keynes Council, which confirmed that this is correct, but apparently it is to challenge this as it is inconsistent with the rest of MK parking (I believe).

Linda Chestney
Furzton

■ *Andrew Berarey, business manager for NCP, said: "NCP's charging policy for the car park, as agreed by the centre, is that all customers pay for their parking.*

"NCP always provides preferential parking bays to ensure that our disabled customers can park as conveniently as possible on arrival.

"In order to park in these allocated bays customers need to display a blue badge and a valid parking ticket. These sites are manned and an NCP staff member is able to accommodate our customers with their parking needs."

Thanks for the support

SIR - I would like to thank the many residents and participants from the armed services and community groups, like the scouts, who attended the Remembrance Service at the war memorial at St Mary's Church, West Bletchley, on Sunday.

Remembrance Day is important for future and older generations.

Nigel Long, West Bletchley councillor

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Regarding last week's story 'Fears over plan for mental health centre near schools'. While nobody wants anything like this on their doorstep, there really must be a better location than so near to our local schools and houses. Bletchley people need to unite against this and ensure that their voices and concerns are noted.

Beverley Hewitt

With reference to the article on your website 'MP Stewart pleased after influencing high speed rail report'.
Well said Mr Stewart. He is aware of the much better plan to run a new high speed line along the M1 where it will serve more communities, come into use earlier, need less tunnel, and not attract the same level of opposition because the noise of the M1 is already there.
A rich prize awaits MK because it could be the first beneficiary of HS2, by means of a link via the Bedford line into Bletchley and MK stations.

Les Fawcett

Your story 'Hannah's guide dog sets her free' is just brilliant. Just what our young visually impaired people need. I have had my guide dog five-and-a-half years and being an older guide dog owner I know what a difference it makes. Good luck Hannah.

Sylvia Hawes

Jon Brett's City Life

His fortnightly column written exclusively for MK NEWS

Andy would love to go back in a flash

LAST time I took a nostalgic look at clubbing in Milton Keynes, recalling the heyday of the 1980s and 90s.

Much has changed since then and to shed some light on this, I spoke to the oracle of late night licensing himself, Andy McGrath. What this man doesn't know about a good night out in Milton Keynes isn't worth knowing.

Andy has managed clubs all over the country, including Brighton, Watford and Milton Keynes, where he could be found entertaining regulars in the VIP bar at venues like Peaches, Chicago Rock Cafe or the Golden Flamingo.

These are the days when 'smart casual' meant a Mr Byrite suit, jeans were an insult and trainers a strict no, no.

But Andy's love of the job almost cost him his life when in 1978 he was stabbed at Peaches in Bletchley.

Nowadays he runs Total Licensing Solutions, sharing his years of experience and advising others on how to apply for alcohol licences.

"The fun and the laughter outweighed the bad bits and if I could jump into a time machine I'd have those days back in a flash," said Andy.

"Nowadays things are much more corporate and licensing is a lot more complicated too; gone are the days when pubs shut at 11pm and the clubs at 2am."

Late, late nights are a thing of the past for Andy. These days he's up early tee-ing off at golf clubs around the country, finally discovering exercise after years of excess!

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Cruel crooks take feathered friends

BY SOPHIE SCOTT
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CALLOUS thieves stole ten chickens from a community project.

Staff at the Urb Farm in Windsor Street, Wolverton, were shocked discover someone had cut through their 7ft metal fence, trampled crops and stolen half their brood.

The farm is run by the Growing People Social Enterprise, part of MK Christian Foundation, who use the site to grow organic fruit and vegetables.

Florence Bryant said: "We are not quite sure why they wanted to take them. They are not really meaty so wouldn't be good to eat and they are not really laying eggs at the moment so it is a bit of a funny time for them to be stolen.

"It was obviously planned. They had worked out where the weak bit of the fence was and had come at night when no one was around.

"They must have somewhere to keep them, so they must have planned it.

"In the spring and summer the hens produce a lot of eggs and we sell them to the local community. The project is about educating young people and teaching them about the animals.

"This means half our eggs will now be gone and therefore half the profit. We are lucky the other ten didn't escape."

Sarah Barker, team leader at Growing People, said: "We worked very hard to organise an enjoyable Open Day on Saturday, October 29, which was well attended by local people and raised much needed funds for our project.

"Sadly much of the money raised will now be lost in repairing our damaged fencing and increasing security on the site."

Trainee Harry Rogers with a remaining chicken at Urban Farm

A Thames Valley Police spokeswoman said: "Police were called at 9.42am on November 2 to report that ten chickens had been stolen overnight.

"There are no witnesses, no CCTV, and the matter has been filed for the moment unless any new evidence comes to light.

"Anyone with information about this incident should contact the Police Enquiry Centre on 101 and quote the reference DC/3936068/11.

MKNEWS BRIEFS

Centre decision delayed

A DECISION on whether a doctor's surgery is to become a medical centre with the provision to keep overnight patients has been deferred.

Plans to turn Whaddon House Surgery in Whaddon Way, Bletchley, to the centre were due to be decided upon yesterday but instead will go to Milton Keynes Council's development control committee at a future date.

Freedom fighter dined

A TEENAGE freedom fighter who stole across occupied Europe to continue the struggle against Nazi tyranny was among those honoured by North Bucks freemasons this week. Jan Sokolowski, now 90 and living in Milton Keynes, was one of 145 veterans and their families treated to a slap-up Remembrance Sunday lunch by members of Verney, Grenville, Claydon, Wineslai and Saxon Lodges, and Roman Way Chapter, at Winslow Public Hall in Elmfields Gate, Winslow.

Husband faces murder charge

A MAN has been charged with the murder of his wife after she fell to her death in India seven years ago.

John Clifton Davies, 50, was arrested at his home in Milton Keynes on Thursday.

On Sunday, South Wales Police charged him with the murder of Colette Davies, 39, and fraud.

Mrs Davies and her husband were on their honeymoon in India when she fell 80ft from a viewing point on a gorge in Gaura in the northern state of Himachal Pradesh in 2004.

The decision to charge follows close consultation between the police and the Crown Prosecution Service and a joint investigation with the Himachal Pradesh State Police in Northern India.

Detective Inspector Mark Lewis said: "I am extremely grateful to the Himachal Pradesh State Police for the support we have had in investigating this tragic death. I am also grateful to the public for their support.

"Although a person has been charged with murder I repeat my earlier appeal for any information surrounding the circumstances of Colette Davies' death.

"Colette's family have been informed of this positive development and will continue to be supported by family liaison officers."

Felicity Galvin, Senior Crown Prosecutor for CPS Cymru-Wales, said: "We can now confirm that, having carefully examined a file of evidence provided by South Wales Police, we have concluded that there is sufficient evidence to charge John Clifton Davies with the murder of Colette Davies and that it is in the public interest to do so. Accordingly, we have advised South Wales Police to charge him with murder and also with two offences of fraud."

Mr Davies was remanded in custody by Cardiff Magistrates' Court on Monday and is due to appear at crown court today.

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Jailed: *From left*, David Billington, Sean Billington, Joseph Cawley, Kristopher Wilson and Robin McCoy

Car theft gang sentenced to 12 years in jail

FIVE men have been sentenced to a total of more than 12 years in prison for motor vehicle offences.

Sean Steven Billington, 24, of Harrowden, Bradville, was sentenced to 45 months, Joseph Anthony Cawley, 35, of Willen Road, Newport Pagnell, received 39 months, Robin Thomas McCoy, 23, of Weavers Hill, Fullers Slade, was sentenced to 30 months, Kristopher Kevin Wilson, 23, of Pinders Croft, Greenleys, received 28 months, and David Michael Billington, 20, of Bellwether, Fullers Slade, received 12 months.

The sentences relate to the theft of and theft from motor vehicles, which took place in Bedfordshire, Buckinghamshire, Leicestershire, Northamptonshire and Oxfordshire between October 7 and November 8, 2010.

The offenders targeted commercial vehicles, such as transit vans used by courier drivers and box vans used by building contractors.

One of the stolen vehicles was used to steal a number of items from a stationary lorry on October 29, 2010, including a quantity of nappies.

Police found changes had been made to the vehicles' outward appearance, with false number plates, or markings.

Author has taken Amazon to court

BY SOPHIE SCOTT
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AN AUTHOR is suing internet retail giant Amazon for defamation.

Chris McGrath of Newport Pagnell has taken the libel action against Amazon, as well as Richard Dawkins, the evolutionary biologist, and his foundation and atheist blogger Vaughan Jones after comments were made about his book The Attempted Murder of God: Hidden Science You Really Need to Know.

Mr McGrath, 44, claims Mr Jones published remarks which were 'personal attacks' on him in the review section of Amazon. These remarks were also published on Richard Dawkins' website in September 2010.

Mr McGrath, who is representing himself, said: "The information that it relates to were attacks on myself and my company, not on the content of the book.

"The book itself is a satirical parody."

There was a hearing last week at the High Court and His Honour Judge Moloney QC is expected to make a judgement within two weeks.

Mr Jones said: "The only thing I really can say is the process needs to change because people like me have to incur ridiculous costs in defending these claims."

A spokesman for Richard Dawkins and the Richard Dawkins Foundation said they would not comment at this stage.

At the time of going to press, Amazon had not commented.

MKNEWS BRIEFS

Armed robbery at pub

A STAFF member was threatened with a gun in a robbery at a pub on Monday.

In the incident, at 12.25am at the Fayre and Square in Shirwell Crescent, Furzton, four black men wearing balaclavas entered via a fire door, threatened the member of staff and left with some cash from the safe.

The police said enquiries are continuing, but they are eager to speak to anyone who was in the area at the time, especially to the owners of a small dark-coloured three-door hatchback and a larger dark coloured vehicle, which were seen in the area at the time.

Anyone with information should call 101.

MK is very generous

MILTON Keynes has been named as one of the top 50 most generous places in the UK by aid charity Oxfam. People in the city have paid out £168,770 on charity gifts over the last eight years, which has gone towards paying for safe water and other essentials for people worldwide.

Help to catch IKEA burglars

RETAIL giant IKEA has offered a £5,000 reward to anyone who provides information which leads to the conviction of two burglars who were caught on camera stealing £80,000.

The men carried out the raid at the shop in Bletcham Way at 7pm on Sunday, August 7, after gaining access to the vault where the safe is kept.

Once inside the vault, the burglars, who were wearing hats and fluorescent jackets, attempted to disable the security camera, with mixed results.

The CCTV camera shows the men entering the room, then, as one attempts to give the other a lift up to reach the camera, both are partially revealed.

Now IKEA has put up the reward to try to lead to arrests.

To see the video online, visit www.youtube.com/watch?v=2tL8nc_V1Q8.

Anyone with information should call Milton Keynes CID on 0845 8 505 505, or Crimestoppers on 0800 555 111.

Panto stars set to light up town

POP sensation Gareth Gates will turn on Bletchley's Christmas lights.

The fun starts at 10am on November 26 and music throughout the day will be provided by Great Horwood Silver Band in Stanier Square and Milton Keynes Youth Brass Band on the Bandstand in Elizabeth Square.

At 4pm Father Christmas will arrive in Bletchley town centre and be joined by Gareth Gates and Nicola Brazil, who play Aladdin and Jasmine in Milton Keynes Theatre's panto, which MK NEWS is supporting.

They will switch on the lights by the tree in Stanier Square at 4.30pm.

The wonderful lantern parade will then set off from the square at about 5pm.

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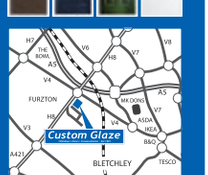

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Santa Claus is coming to Town!

Friday 18 November 2011

Today regional shopping destination, thecentre:mk announce exciting plans for the opening of 'An Olde English Christmas' in Middleton Hall and a spectacular outdoor ice rink in Queens Court for Christmas 2011.

In 2010, over 6,000 people visited the centre to watch Santa parade down the malls and open his grotto. This year thecentre:mk announce plans for a parade which will start at Door 1 near M&S food hall and cascade down the Midsummer Arcade of the centre at 4:30pm on Friday 18 November. Over 100 children from local schools will create a wonderful acapella Christmas carol chorus to accompany Santa on his journey to Middleton Hall, to open his grotto.

Once Santa and his carol singers reach Middleton Hall and Santa officially opens his grotto, the Milton Keynes City Orchestra will take to the stage to play a mini sing along carol service, for all of thecentre:mk guests to enjoy. Song sheets will be provided for guests to join in and Christmas will have officially opened in Milton Keynes.

The elegant outdoor ice rink, in Queens Court will hold an extra special charity skate on Thursday 17 November from 6:30-7:30pm, to raise money for BBC Children in Need. thecentre:mk welcome families to come along to be the first people to skate on the ice and enjoy the wonderful festive atmosphere of the outdoors in Queens Court.

Melanie Beck, Head of Marketing and Communications at thecentre:mk comments, "We are very excited for the launch of Christmas at thecentre:mk this year and especially with the inclusion of Children in Need at our ice rink in Queens Court and the Milton Keynes City Orchestra for the opening of 'An Olde English Christmas' in Middleton Hall. We hope that our shoppers will join us for these special events over the two days and enjoy the beginning of Christmas in Milton Keynes."

To visit Santa in his grotto, to book a ride on the train or a skate on the ice rink, visit www.thecentremk.com or call 08445 449660. Santa's grotto closes on 24 December 2011, the Ice Rink and 'An Olde English Christmas' which includes the train, close on 2 January 2012. The ice rink in Queen's Court can accommodate need specific and group bookings, as well as school and corporate party requests.

Please note thecentre:mk BBC Children in Need Skate will not be ticketed and will be based on a first come first serve basis, entrance will be based on a donation to the charity, a minimum £5 donation per person is recommended.

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Residents back more grid roads

BY DAN PALMER
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TRAFFIC fears were top of the agenda at a public meeting held to discuss a major development in the city.

There was standing room only as more than 100 local residents packed into Two Mile Ash school to talk about the Western Expansion Area (WEA).

A 360 hectare site to the south of Stony Stratford, south-west of Two Mile Ash and north-west of Crownhill and Grange Farm, will be built on with 6,000 houses, employment land and primary and secondary schools part of the plans.

The development will put increased pressure on the V4 Watling Street and the main concern among residents was about increased congestion, with the meeting hearing that it is already difficult getting onto the grid road from neighbouring estates during peak hours.

It is hoped that extended grid roads will form a key part of the WEA to keep traffic moving.

Abbey Hill Parish Council chairman, John Hawthorn, said: "It is vital that the V4 is kept as a fast grid road.

John Hawthorn next to the V4 near the junction with the H4

"We hope that the H4 will be extended to join up with the V2 and that another grid road will be built on the other side of the expansion, in order to relieve the V4."

Negotiations between Milton Keynes Council and developers Gallaghers to ensure that grid roads are part of the new development are already underway.

And Mr Hawthorn said he was happy that plans to install crossings and seven sets of traffic lights on the V4, thus slowing down the flow of vehicles, now look to have been shelved thanks to a memorandum of understanding between the council and developer.

There were also fears that the lack of grid roads could lead to the creation of 'rat runs' with drivers cutting through estates as a shortcut.

Another public meeting is being planned for the New Year.

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Success: Residents from Woughton on the Green, which is to become its own parish

Parish borders to be changed

BY DAN PALMER
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COUNCILLORS have agreed to redraw the city map in a bid to give residents more control over their own affairs.

At a full meeting of Milton Keynes Council last week, proposals to create a new parish for the areas of Woughton on the Green, Woughton Park and Passmore were approved.

It means that residents living on those estates will no longer fall under the banner of the larger Woughton Community Council after elections for the new parish are held in May.

Lorraine King, from Woughton on the Green, campaigned for the change and hopes to be elected as one of the first parish councillors.

She said: "Woughton Community Council was quite a large parish and as this is smaller we think it will be more affective and give us more control.

"There are 400 homes in the area and we will still be collaborating with the community council."

A survey of the area resulted in 435 people voting in favour of a new parish and only 19 against.

Sam Crooks, a Milton Keynes councillor for Middleton, also backed the move, which affects his constituents.

"I believe that residents should run their own communities insofar as possible," he said. "And the figures are absolutely clear."

Meanwhile, the size of Campbell Park Parish has also been reduced by councillors.

Campbell Park itself will become a separate ward of Central Milton Keynes (CMK) parish, and the areas of Newlands, Willen Lake and Willen are to be transfered to Great Linford.

Dr Rebecca Kurth, chairman of CMK Town Council and resident of Campbell Park, said she was delighted with the decision.

"It's all about belonging to the right community and there was overwhelming public support for this change," she said.

"I know from my own experience that many Campbell Park residents identify with CMK.

"After all, both sets of residents use the same roads, shops and amenities and both share their neighbourhood with 30million visitors a year.

"It makes good democratic sense to bring this natural community together into a single, clearly defined parish."

City councillor Andy Dransfield, who represents Loughton Park, has been working on reviewing parish boundaries for several years.

He said: "These residents have shown an enormous commitment to forming their own community.

"If we didn't approve this change, as sure as anything, they would be back again.

"Surely, we have to respect the wishes of local residents."

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Meeting to discuss 20mph plans

A MEETING to consider plans to reduce speed limits in West Bletchley to 20mph will take place tonight.

West Bletchley Council will hold the meeting at its offices in Porchester Close, Bletchley, and will debate the implementation of a trial of the reduced limit.

The pilot scheme would include residential roads and those suggested are Church Green Road, Melrose Avenue (between Whaddon Way and Whalley Drive), Rickley Lane, Shenley Road (between Buckingham Road and Whaddon Way), Westminster Drive and Whalley Drive.

If this is successful after a six-month pilot then it could be rolled out across the area in a bid to improve safety.

Factors that will be considered include speed and accident data for the roads and information collected from residential surveys.

The plans, proposed by Councillor Tony Mabbott, have been met with some objections.

Cllr Arun Vaidyanathan is one who doesn't believe the residents concerned have been properly consulted.

As previously reported, he gathered his own survey results and started a petition, which he says show people living in the area that will be affected do not want the changes to happen.

The meeting is due to start at 7pm and all members of the public are welcome to attend.

Jobs in the region given £13m boost

MORE than £13million has been allocated to the region to give employment a boost.

South East Midlands Local Enterprise Partnership (SEMLEP), which includes Milton Keynes, was granted the money by Secretary of State for Communities and Local Government Eric Pickles to help invest in infrastructure projects to create new jobs and homes.

Leader of Milton Keynes Council, Councillor Andrew Geary, said: "This is excellent news for the SEMLEP region, which means it is excellent news for Milton Keynes.

"As was always intended for Milton Keynes, we've grown to become the region's economic heart, and we'll benefit from how this funding is invested right across the area, as well as from any borough specific projects."

Chairman of SEMLEP, Dr Ann Limb, said: "Milton Keynes is one of the four key urban centres of the South East Midlands and critical to the success of the area as a whole.

"I welcome the leadership given by Cllr Andrew Geary who consistently champions Milton Keynes and the region as an engine of growth for the country."

A decision on how the money will be spent will be made in the next few months.

Metal thefts have heavy price in city

BY ADAM GRINSELL
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TENS of thousands of pounds in metal is being stolen from right across Milton Keynes thanks to a rise in scrap prices.

Since September 26, 47 drain covers have been stolen from city streets in places such as Bletchley and Shenley Lodge.

Each cover costs £300 - which means these thefts alone have cost more than £14,000 - but each only has a scrap value of around £80.

MK NEWS recently reported how Milton Keynes Council is trying to tackle the problem by fitting special hinged gully covers.

Thefts from dwellings and developments are also on the increase, with 13 offences committed in recent months.

This kind of theft is occurring right across Milton Keynes, mostly at council houses, but also in new-build developments where boilers and piping have been newly fitted.

The police also said there has been a rise in thefts of copper cabling.

In September, this paper reported on the shopping centre and industrial estate in Kingston, which lost internet and telephone connection for several days thanks to thieves pulling up the wiring in the ground.

Despite several arrests, the police are now hoping to crack down on these kinds of crime.

DI Mark Glover said: "A man was arrested at the weekend in the Broughton area, after we discovered a flat bed transit van containing man hole covers.

"Now we are increasing patrols in the vulnerable areas of the city and we are calling on the public to call us on the non-emergency number, 101, if they have any information they think can help us.

"The people stealing things like cabling are being quite cute, using works vans with flashing orange lights and wearing flourescent jackets.

"Althought it is difficult to tell these apart from real workers, the time of day may be an indicator - they may be working at night, or at 3pm on a Sunday. We've also increased our visits to scrap metal dealers and inspections on low loaders driving around the area."

Cracking down: DI Mark Glover

Midnight walk raises £180k

A HUGE £180,000 has been raised by Milton Keynes moovers for Willen Hospice.

The third annual ladies-only, ten-mile Midnight Moo walk across the city, in aid of the hospice, took place on July 16, with 1,777 women taking part in the udderly fun atmosphere of the evening.

Now the total raised has been totted up, including Gift Aid, and the massive sum has been revealed.

The money is enough to cover 280 shifts of the nursing team, which provides free specialist care to patients and support for their families.

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A time to honour

BY SOPHIE SCOTT
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THOUSANDS of people turned up to honour the war dead at Sunday's remembrance services.

In Bletchley a procession, which started out at the mansion house at Bletchley Park, took to the streets to end up at the cenotaph at St Mary's Church in Church Green Road for the ceremony.

While in Stony Stratford there was a memorial at 11am before a parade through the town.

On Remembrance Sunday the nation comes together to commemorate our fallen heroes since the First World War.

Terry Hall, chairman of Bletchley's British Legion, said: "It was a brilliant day. There was a really good turnout and the parade was really good. The deputy mayor and the MP Iain Stewart were there.

"Everybody came back to the Royal British Legion and had a really wonderful time."

MP Iain Stewart walks forward to lay a wreath in Stony Stratford

Above: City mayor Alan Richards prepares to lay a wreath in Stony Stratford. Left: Wreaths are left at the memorial in the town

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our fallen heroes

Above: A retired soldier is helped to the memorial in Bletchley to lay a wreath
Right: The band leads the parade

Youngsters at the Bletchley war memorial

Flags are lowered at the Bletchley remembrance parade

Wreaths laid at the Bletchley war memorial

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A 200-year dream is

IT IS 200 years since Charles Short put forward a plan for a 26km waterway to link the Grand Union Canal and the River Great Ouse, which, when finished, will mean Milton Keynes boasts the UK's deepest lock. MK NEWS finds out more.

CHARLES Short might be turning in his grave knowing his vision is still a blur.

The on-off scheme has had a chequered history but it received a significant kiss of life in 1994.

Brian Young, a member of the Inland Waterway Association, had the idea of marking the new Millennium by promoting A Waterway for All.

He saw a reinvention of canals for modern day use to serve new industries of leisure, tourism, and communications.

He founded the Bedford & Milton Keynes (B&MK) Waterway Trust as an informal group and it was short listed for funding by the Millennium commission but the plan foundered because any grant could not be matched.

However 2000 was marked by British Waterways joining the trust to investigate its feasibility and now there is renewed optmisim for its future.

Hopes were further raised at the beginning of this year when the waterway was taken into consideration as part of a planned development for the first time, in a proposed extension of the Magna Linear Park, currently home to the John Lewis and River Island warehouses in the east of the city.

Plans included as part of the project would mean that, when finished, Milton Keynes could boast the UK's deepest lock, at around 11 metres, which would be part of the waterway near Willen Lake.

Recent Bedford Waterspace and Economic Impact and Opportunities studies described the scheme as a 'strategically significant project'.

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The site: The underpass beneath the A421 where the canal will run

Graham Mabbutt, chairman of the B&MK Waterway Trust, said: "This study provides an action framework which anticipates the creation of the B&MK missing link of waterway from the Grand Union Canal at MK to the Great Ouse at Kempston. It also complements strategic plans to open up a wider Fenland waterways link.

"The waterway is for tourism, leisure, relaxation and enjoyment of the countryside.

"It will bring in extra revenue for the businesses in the area and create extra jobs."

Neil Hayes, the external communications director of the B&MK Waterway Trust, added: "An economic assessment of the project carried out in 2009 highlighted the huge benefits to the locality and wider region.

"Over a ten-year period visitors to the waterway and linked facilities, restaurants, campsites, cycle-hire and a host of other enterprises could pump between £167million and £265million into the local economy.

"Then the place-shaping of new businesses and additional economic activity, together with the uplift in property values along the waterway route could generate as much as £97million to £373million.

"This has been given extra muscle with the Bedford Waterspace Study. The economic, environmental and social benefits of developing the B&MK Waterway are the constant threads running through the study.

"Essentially the waterway could bring huge benefits environmentally, socially and economically, in terms of 'place shaping'."

The waterway link could be in operation in 15 years. The project has been plain sailing, but the dream of Mr Short is closer than ever to being realised.

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Cat is dumped in basket near bins

BY SOPHIE SCOTT
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A CAT is lucky to be alive after it was found in a basket that had its air holes taped up.

The RSPCA received a call during the early hours of November 5, to say a cat was dead in a basket in a communal bin area in Newton Road, Bletchley.

The caller said they could not clearly see the cat, but the air holes and the top of the basket had been taped over.

But when the RSPCA arrived later that morning the inspector was pleased to find that the cat was still alive.

RSPCA inspector Damian Wooliscroft said: "When I arrived I was relieved to discover the cat was very much still alive and other than being hungry, she seemed to be in good health.

"The cat basket was actually a cat litter basket and whoever dumped the cat had made a cardboard front door to keep the cat inside.

"This poor cat had been just thrown away like a piece of rubbish and she could have suffered a really painful death if the cage had been loaded in to a bin wagon and then crushed.

Saved: The cat, which has now been named Mishka by the RSPCA

"The cat is a young female silver tabby and she was wearing a black collar with silver bell.

"She was not microchipped. I would appeal to anyone who recognises this poor cat, or the litter box, or anyone who has information to contact the RSPCA on 0300 1234 999."

The cat is now being cared for by the RSPCA Milton Keynes and North Buckinghamshire Branch.

She has been named Mishka and is doing extremely well. She is a loving and friendly cat and is described as a 'prolific' purrer.

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Police clampdown on thefts from cars

Ticket: City centre inspector Helen Corbett

BY ADAM GRINSELL
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IF YOU return to your car after doing your Christmas shopping this year to find you've got a ticket, don't despair - but do take note.

That's because it may not be the dreaded parking fine, but instead a leaflet from the police giving advice on how to prevent thefts from your car.

The leaflets, entitled Display and You Will Pay and designed to look like a parking ticket, are being left on windscreens over the festive period as part of a scheme to raise awareness of thefts from vehicles.

The advice to motorists is to double check their vehicle is locked and secure, keep keys safe and out of sight, use a garage or park in a well-lit location and not tempt theives by leaving items on display.

The leaflet also advises that motorists get a car alarm and make sure number plates are securely fastened with security screws and sat navs are removed and sucker marks wiped off the windscreen.

City centre inspector, Helen Corbett, said: "This is about sending that message to the public about their responsibilities, that they don't leave items in the car, making sure they lock the doors, leaving the vehicle clean inside and empty of everything.

"It will be operating across the whole of Milton Keynes to ensure car crime stays at the low level it has been.

"We've done really well in recent years with regards to numbers of offences.

"In the past three months there's been 21 offences in September, 31 in October, and up to November 11 there had been 11 offences this month."

With the onset of the darker evenings, the police have also launched Operation Darkroom to try to prevent houshold burglaries. Throughout the next few months, officers will be posting advisory leaflets through the letterboxes of those homes they believe to be vulnerable.

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So far the team has raised close to £500, but wants to give the opportunity for those growing their mos to get it properly shaped.

The barber is offering the service on Monday to Friday from 9am to 3.30pm and between 6 and 7pm on Fridays.

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People of all ages dig Archaeology Day event

BY ADAM GRINSELL
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A CELEBRITY, mosaic workshops and evidence of the area's earliest human settlement all attracted a bumper crowd for this year's Archaeology Day.

Held at Central Milton Keynes Library on Saturday, the fifth annual event pulled in a crowd of all ages to take part in archaeologically-themed activities and to view historical finds from all over the city.

Television archaeologist Dr Helen Geake, of Channel 4's Time Team, was a guest speaker at the event and gave a talk on the Staffordshire Hoard.

Ros Tyrrell, the finds liaison officer from the national Portable Antiquities Scheme, also helped piece together the story of MK's past from a number of discoveries in the area, which were brought in by the public and organisations like the Magiovinium Metal Detector Club.

There were pieces of flint on show, recently found at a development site for a gravel quarry in Wolverton - evidence of the very first human settlement in the area, thought to be about 14,000 years ago.

Delving into the past: Mick Billingham and Ros Tyrrell at the Archaeology Day at the weekend

The council's senior archaeological officer, Nick Crank, who organised the event, said: "It went really well.

"It's our fifth year and I think it was the most buzzing yet.

"The good thing about it was the fact it was really varied in terms of age groups as well.

"We kicked off the day with buried treasure-themed events in the children's library and we had story telling sessions for those aged five and over.

"We also had mosaic making, which was very busy and popular - a lot of people were getting gluey hands at that table.

"We also had the talk about the Staffordshire Hoard, which was the find of the century. It does have relevance to this area, as the find was made just off Watling Street, and it's an area which we, at some points in that period, would have been a part of."

There were also opportunities for the public to view what is currently going on archaelogically in the city, including a specific display on work being done in Calverton, before the developers move in for the western expansion area.

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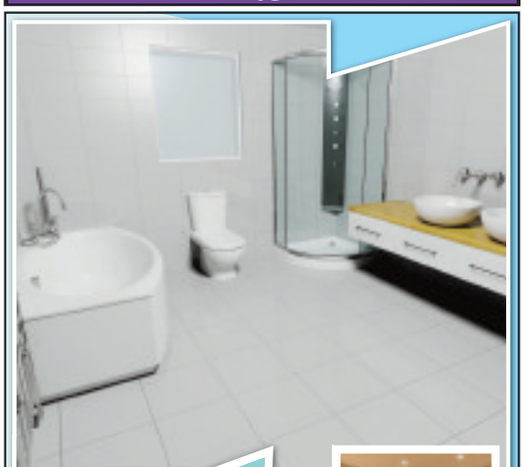
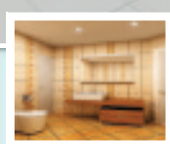
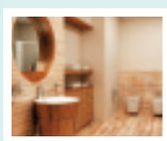
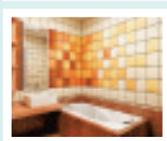
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Hands wanted to put care in a box

BY DAN PALMER
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A MOTHER who is passionate about helping out British Forces overseas is hoping more people will join her cause.

Joanne Scott, 35, from Stacey Bushes, is the only volunteer in Milton Keynes for the Service Families Support Group, which sends out valuable care boxes to men and women serving worldwide.

The full-time mum doesn't have a family connection to the forces, she just feels strongly about giving them a loving hand.

And with demand for the boxes increasing, Joanne could do with some other good samaritans to help with the load.

She said: "I think our soldiers need to know that people do care for them and are proud of what they do.

"This means a great deal to me and it's just me here at the moment, I hope the numbers could go up."

Joanne is in touch with a padre in Afghanistan and one of the ways she has helped is by sending food over so the troops could enjoy a 1940s tea party.

Other items that could be sent include clothes, toiletries and books and the work is now taking on extra importance because Christmas is fast approaching.

Caring: Joanne Scott packs up another box

Posting dates to make sure the care packages arrive in time for the festive season are fast approaching meaning an increased workload.

The group's ultimate aim is to promote and foster the welfare of service personnel deployed on operations all over the world.

It's not just the troops who are being helped either, as other projects have seen much needed educational supplies sent to local children in an Afghan school.

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It's time for a celebration at UCMK
Picture by Charlie Ray

Proud day for all at first ceremony

BY MARY BISWELL
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PROUD students from University Centre Milton Keynes (UCMK) took part in its inaugural graduation ceremony in the heart of the city.

Dressed in graduation gowns and mortar boards, the graduates received their awards in an official ceremony at the Church of Christ the Cornerstone.

It was the first time UCMK – which was established to provide affordable full-time degrees for people in Milton Keynes – has held the ceremony away from its awarding institution The University of Bedfordshire.

It was also the first time the centre has had graduates from the new foundation degree journalism course, which was launched two years ago to train students for jobs in the media.

Kate Stephens, director of operations at UCMK, said: "It was a fantastic feeling watching the students going onto that stage, looking so proud, ready to take up the next phase of life - it was a great moment."

Mia Godwin, 38, who graduated with distinction in foundation degree digital imaging and design for media, spoke of the new opportunities this award opens up to her.

"I feel a fantastic sense of achievement today," she said.

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City is the focus of Vicky's new book

A BOOK showcasing the city through photos will be launched tomorrow.

Vicky Lamburn, *pictured*, has traversed the 34 square miles of Milton Keynes to record its people, landscape and architecture told as a 'dawn to dusk journey'.

The book contains more than 200 photos of the city, including urban, suburban and park landscape, architecture, candid street life and portraits of residents, workers and some of the original development corporation pioneers.

The photographic documentary of the entire city of Milton Keynes includes a foreword by Derek Walker, chief architect and planner at the Milton Keynes Development Corporation between 1970 and 1976.

The official launch of the book will be at Waterstones in Midsummer Place from 6pm. The book is available to buy online at www.vickylamburn.com/milton-keynes from Friday.

Colin takes top job at chamber

BY ADAM GRINSELL

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A NEW chief executive has been appointed to the city's leading business group.

The board of Milton Keynes and North Bucks Chamber of Commerce has announced Colin Fox has been appointed to the role, effective from Monday.

Mr Fox is well-known and respected by the business community in Milton Keynes, as well as regionally and nationally.

He rejoins the chamber from an eight-year role as chief executive of Milton Keynes Economy and Learning Partnership, where his role helped define long-term growth proposals for Milton Keynes, working alongside public and private sector stakeholders.

He previously held senior posts at the chamber, including executive director, from 1994.

Mr Fox said: "I relish the opportunity to return to the chamber at a critical time in the development of membership services in a testing economic climate.

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Campaign to stub out giant lighters

ACTION is being taken to remove dangerous giant and novelty lighters from sale, and Trading Standards is warning consumers to beware.

Giant lighters can explode into fireballs without warning because their flame doesn't always go completely out after use, and they contain up to five times more gas than regular lighters.

They are illegal to transport anywhere in Europe, since they contain as much as twice the amount of liquid petroleum fuel permitted by law.

Novelty lighters are banned throughout Europe due to their child appeal. It is estimated that up to 1,900 injuries and 40 fatalities per year in the EU are due to fire-related accidents caused by children playing with lighters

Christine Heemskerk, Trading Standards Institute lead officer for consumer and product safety, said: "These oversized lighters can cause serious injury so I would urge people not to use them.

"They could explode in someone's face or hand, or if left alone may even cause a fire at home or work.

"I would also urge traders who may not have been aware of the danger to stop selling them."

Trading Standards officers have visited numerous retailers to remove from sale thousands of these lighters and have prompted large online marketplaces to ban giant lighters from their websites.

The national campaign has gained support from many online and consumer organisations.

Karen Ford, head of Trading Standards for Milton Keynes Council, said: "If you're out and about in Milton Keynes and see any of these giant lighters, please report them to Consumer Direct on 08454 04 05 06."

If you would like to be kept up to date with what is going on in Milton Keynes, then follow the Trading Standards team on Facebook or Twitter.

Search Facebook for Milton Keynes Trading Standards, or to find them on Twitter, see @MiltonKeynesTS.

Staying safe: *From left*, Rhiannon Maddocks (first) Han'a Sultan (second) and Diogo Fernandes (third) show their posters with headteacher Hannah Gibson and Susie Bassett from Taylor Wimpey

Lessons in being safe

BY DAN PALMER
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CREATIVE school pupils have taken part in a competition designed to promote safety on the city's building sites.

The youngsters at Monkston Primary School have teamed up with developer Taylor Wimpey to help raise awareness about dangers that may be lurking when construction crews are at work.

Kingston Chase, a major Taylor Wimpey housing development in Broughton, is less than two miles from the school.

Regional sales manager, Nikki Gibson, said: "With many pupils living close by, we felt it would be responsible to raise awareness about safety near building sites and the dangers of playing around them.

"The children were certainly inspired by the safety message as we had some incredibly imaginative entries and every pupil who submitted a poster should be very proud of their work."

Nine-year-old Rhiannon Maddocks won the competition and was presented with the first prize award of a £30 book token at a special assembly.

Her winning design features a picture of a digger with the message 'this is not a toy', as well as another slogan which warns that you might get hurt on a building site. It has now been framed and put on the wall of Taylor Wimpey's Kingston Chase Sales Centre.

Runner-up Han'a Sultan, ten, got a £20 token and third-placed Diogo Fernandes, eight, received a £10 token.

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How will you help Children in Need?

Pick up a Pudsey Bear to help Children in Need at the Build-A-Bear-Workshop

BY DAN PALMER
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PEOPLE from across the city are preparing to party with Pudsey to raise valuable cash for Children in Need.

The annual BBC charity telethon is now in its 32nd year and numerous schools and businesses will have fun-filled events lined-up to mark the occasion on Friday.

Everyone will be out to have a good time, but the most important thing will be digging deep to make sure as much money as possible makes its way to deserving children's charities across the UK.

MK Dons Wheelchair Football Club, based at Bletchley Leisure Centre, were one of the good causes to benefit last year having been awarded six wheelchair attachments and the support of a specialist training coach.

This year the BBC cameras are set to film the club as part of the appeal, with a regular Thursday night training session coming under the spotlight.

At the Build-A-Bear-Workshop in the-centre:mk, there will be the chance to make your very own Pudsey with £5 from each sale going back to the charity.

New for this year is a 'furbulous' Pudsey, who has been redesigned to feature a spotted heart, a t-shirt with an all new BBC Children in Need design and a 'bear-illiant' pair of Pudsey slippers and pyjamas.

Pudsey's friend Blush is also available and has been kitted out in a pretty new pinafore dress.

Music Bugs Milton Keynes, who provide pre-school music and singing classes for local babies and toddlers, are just one of many groups who will be hoping to raise as many pennies as possible.

This week the youngsters have been enjoying a 'very silly songathon'.

Lots of silly songs have been played in class and turning up in pyjamas, odd socks and fancy dress has been actively encouraged.

■ If you're doing anything for Children in Need this year, e-mail your pictures to andy.handley@mk-news.co.uk and details of what went on and how much you raised to dan.palmer@mk-news.co.uk.

Plan to give patients bigger say

PATIENTS could soon have a greater say in the services they receive as Milton Keynes Hospital prepares to extend its membership boundaries.

At present, patients can only become members of Milton Keynes Hospital if they live within the city and surrounding area, despite many patients choosing to come to the hospital from further afield.

So this month the hospital is inviting all existing members to consider whether the boundaries should be extended.

Chairman David Wakefield said: "Our members play an incredibly important role.

"They represent local views and by electing the Council of Governors, they also have a formal role to play in holding the organisation to account.

"We've been able to make huge improvements to our services by listening to the ideas and experiences of our members.

"However, as we move forward, we need to make sure that our membership is representative of the people we serve.

"We actively encourage under-represented groups to join, for example we will shortly be launching a programme to attract more young people.

"But we need to make sure our geographical boundaries are right too.

"We'll be asking our members to consider this important issue and if they support a change, we could be extending the boundaries within a matter of weeks."

The extraordinary members' meeting to discuss the issue is being held in the hospital's Eaglestone Restaurant from 12.30-1.30pm on Tuesday.

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Exam success awards

THE exam successes of students at Ousedale School were recognised on Friday in its annual awards ceremonies.

Some of the city's most important decision-makers were in attendance at the GCSE and A-Level awards, including guest speaker, MP Mark Lancaster, and the mayors of Milton Keynes, Newport Pagnell and Olney.

Entertainment was also provided by students.

Boxes for needy kids

CHILDREN at Stoke Goldington CE First School have donated generously to help youngsters less fortunate than themselves in some of the toughest parts of the world.

They have taken part in this year's Operation Christmas Child project, by filling empty shoeboxes with toys, pens and pencils, puzzles, hygiene items such toothbrushes and sports items like skipping ropes. The boxes will now be taken to Olney Baptist Church for collection by the Christian relief charity Samaritan's Purse, which sends them on to children in need across the world.

Volunteers guide

A NEW guide has been developed by a Milton Keynes organisation to help in the recruitment and management of volunteers.

The Arts and Heritage Alliance of Milton Keynes is a voluntary forum and has produced the AHA-MK Guide to Working with Volunteers, presenting practical advice on managing helpers. The guide can be downloaded for free from www.aha-mk.org.

Pensioners are fitness fanatics

Lilian Heard, *left*, and friends have become fitness freaks

BY DAN PALMER
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AN 82-YEAR-OLD moved into a retirement home – and quickly became a fitness fanatic.

Most of us associate our senior years with sitting back, relaxing and enjoying a more leisurely pace of life, but Lilian Heard hit the gym instead.

Along with her friends at Eden Court in Fenny Stratford, who are all over 60, she has taken up membership at the nearby MK Bodyworks and has proven that old age doesn't mean that you can't be active.

Octogenarian Lilian even finds the time to do a spot of dancing as well.

She said: "When I first moved here, while I was enjoying my retirement, I didn't feel very busy as I didn't have a garden or large home to maintain anymore.

"My first thought was to get a walking machine in my apartment, but my children weren't very keen on that idea in case I fell off, so I decided to visit the local gym, which is adjacent to the development.

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FOSP has been formed to support the social and educational needs of the school.

It is free to join and by becoming a member you will receive an electronic newsletter each half-term, will be able to book and use the school facilities at a discounted rate, and be the first to know when events are being organised.

Visit www.st-pauls.org.uk and fill in the Friends of St Paul's form to become a member.

David now a champion for charity

BY ANDY HANDLEY
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SINGER-SONGWRITER David Read has been made a champion of Alzheimer's Research UK, the country's leading dementia research charity.

The recognition follows his exceptional support for the charity as a fundraiser and spokesman.

David's mother Janet died with Alzheimer's in 2008.

Since her death, the 57-year-old from North Crawley, *pictured*, who is chief executive of Prestige Purchasing in Great Linford, has raised more than £7,000 for vital dementia research.

He has achieved this by donating the proceeds from his CD, entitled I Know That I Should Know You, and staging music concerts.

He has also taken part in newspaper, radio and TV interviews to raise awareness of the devastating effects of Alzheimer's and other forms of dementia.

David said: "Watching my mother deteriorate with Alzheimer's was one of the saddest things I've ever done.

"She slowly became another person living in a confused world. Finally, the illness claimed her whole body rather than just her brain, so there was no turning back.

"So much more needs to be learnt about this cruel disease and it can only be achieved through research.

"I was inconsolable when my mother died. But, with encouragement, I found comfort by putting my feelings into song about my mother's long struggle.

"I recorded an album and decided to put it to good use to raise desperately needed money for Alzheimer's Research UK.

"I'm so grateful for the tremendous help and support I've received from family, friends and fellow music artists.

"I'm pleased to be doing something positive to help defeat dementia and honoured to be made a champion of Alzheimer's Research UK."

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Changes are being made to the Sandy Heath transmitter on Wednesday 23 November.

If you use a Freeview* TV or box and find you are missing channels you will need to re-tune on or after this date to get them back.

How to re-tune using your TV remote

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Select the **full re-tune** option. This is sometimes called 'first time installation', 'factory reset', 'default settings' or 'shipping conditions'. Do not select 'channel update' or 'add channels'.

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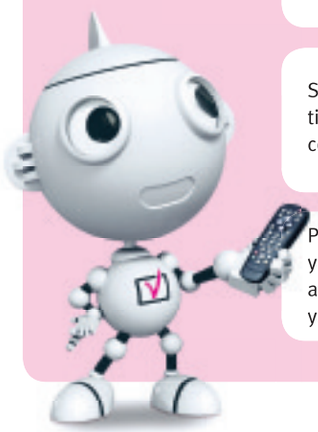

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If you'd like to find out more about our 'Get into…' taster sessions or our January course offer, have a look online at www.mkcollege.ac.uk Alternatively, if you'd like to discuss this in person, come along to our Open Evening on Thursday 17th November, 6-8pm to talk to a member of staff.

14-16 Provision

Many of you may not be aware that the College also delivers vocational courses for under 16s. Students in years 9-11 can attend College on one day or two half-days per week and gain a qualification at the end of it. Some courses group students from one particular school together but others have classes with a mixture of students from across the city.
Courses are offered at Level 1 and Level 2, and are delivered across a range of vocational areas taught by qualified teachers with 'real life' experience in the trade. Subjects include Childcare, Motor Vehicle, Hair and Beauty and Public Services, but there are more options available, including the opportunity to use the excellent facilities at our brand new Technology & Innovation Centre at our Chaffron Way Campus.
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If you'd like to find out more about the Fast Forward programme or indeed our Under 16 provision, please contact your son/daughter's school in the first instance.

Open Evening

Milton Keynes COLLEGE

Thursday 17th November, 2011 6.00pm - 8.00pm

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ACE courses start up throughout the year and run daytime, evenings or at weekends, to fit in with your lifestyle. There are still places available on some weekend workshops in November and December, and there's a whole new programme of five, ten and fifteen week courses on offer from January 2012.

Details of winter and spring workshops and courses can be viewed online now, or you can request a brochure by phoning the number below.

However, not everything which ACE does is listed in the brochure and you are very welcome to register your interest in our other provision, for example family learning or community courses.
These courses take place in Children's Centres, primary schools and meeting places and are developed to be responsive to local needs and interests.

In 2011/-12 ACE is working with other organisations and training providers to expand the network of local area Job Clubs, offering information, advice and training to people who are out of work.

ACE has its own extensive programme of Employability Skills training, offered free to eligible learners. Training can include introductory qualifications in:

- Bookkeeping
- Business and administration
- Business start up
- Care work
- Computer Skills
- Hospitality
- English
- Maths

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ACE employs more than 150 dedicated part-time tutors and is always interested to hear from experienced teachers, especially Maths and English specialists. If you haven't taught adults before you may want to enquire about the new-look initial teacher training course ACE will be running on Tuesday mornings from January 2012.

If you would like to find out more about the ACE programme, Family and Community Learning, local Job Clubs, Employability Skills training or find out about teaching with us, please visit our website, call us on the number below, or drop in at our main centre for an informal chat about what's on offer.

Every year thousands of learners are glad they joined us. Why not be one of them in 2012?

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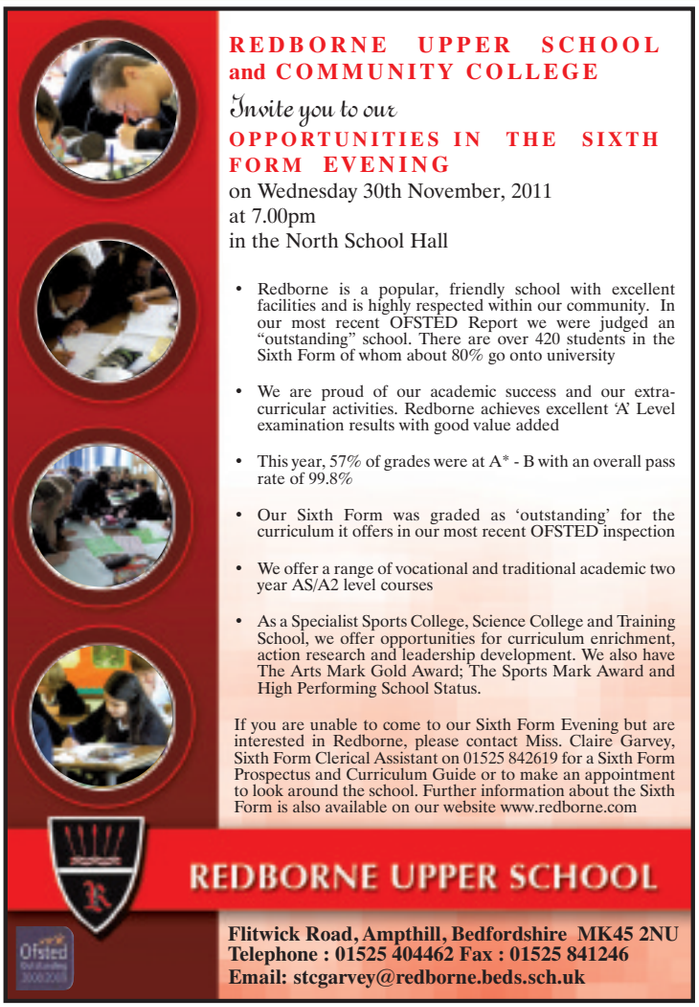

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At St Paul's Catholic School Post- 16

Teaching and learning is "Outstanding" (OFSTED) and we are committed to providing an educational experience in years 12 and 13 that develops the whole person in preparation for leading a successful and fulfilled life beyond school.

We encourage all students to do the best that is possible. The overwhelming majority of our students go on to secure places at the University of their choice (96% in 2011) and, whilst we are delighted to have students at Oxford, Cambridge and other Russell Group Universities, all students are valued, whatever their destination. Careers and Higher Education advice is always freely available.

Providing for success post-16

We offer an extensive range of courses and pathways for learning post-16. In addition to academic AS and A2 courses we also offer Applied Vocational AS and A2 and a wide range of BTEC Level 3 Qualifications, therefore providing for all learner needs. It is possible to combine academic and vocational courses. The entry requirement for these routes is a minimum of five GCSEs (or equivalent) at Grade C or above. Most students will take four chosen subjects in Year 12 but their learning will be enhanced by following a range of other enrichment courses that include, General Studies, Critical Thinking, General RE, the Extended Project and Duke of Edinburgh Gold Award.

We also offer a route into Year 12 for those students who do not meet the 5 C Grade requirement through the BTEC Level 2 in Business. Many students complete this course and then progress to the Level 3 courses.

Programmes of study post-16 are enriched at St Paul's through a range of opportunities. Students are encouraged to build their personal C.V. through voluntary work, Young Enterprise, sports' Leaders, Language Leaders and Dance Leaders and a far reaching sport programme including Rugby and Netball development squads. Many students take advantage of duke of Edinburgh Schemes (up to and including gold) and the World Challenge Programme. The curriculum experience is further enriched through trips to Universities, the theatre, lectures, retreats, residential trips and field study weeks. There is also a whole programme of visiting speakers introducing young people to areas of interest and concern that will affect them in their journey into adulthood. We are very pleased with our most recent provision for providing routes into Apprenticeship.

Making the decision to continue education at St Paul's post-16 could be the best decision a young person makes.

Come along to our Open Evening Tuesday 29th November 2011 at 7.00 pm to find out more and tale to students and staff.

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- Close links with high ranking Universities

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For further information contact the Post 16 administrator on 01908 669735
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MK South Sixth Form
Goes from Strength to Strength

Now into its third year, Milton Keynes South Sixth Form continues to attract more students and achieve greater success. MK South is a collaborative partnership between Leon School & Sports College and Lord Grey School, offering a wide range of courses and opportunities for young people in the city. More and more students are joining MK South because of the range of courses on offer and the expertise offered by teaching staff. Students attend lessons at both campuses, transported between them by a dedicated free minibus.This summer's results were the best ever; with higher than national average pass rates at A Level as well as outstanding results in a range of BTEC and AS qualifications. MK South student Luke Baker gained a place at Cambridge University's Girton College in September 2011 and the Sixth Form expects its latest recruits to aspire and achieve comparable outcomes.

Ofsted inspected both Lord Grey School and Leon School & Sports College in June and the sixth form provision in both schools secured a 'Good' grading, making MK South officially Good. Commenting on the development of the Sixth Form, Dr Jo Trevenna, Director of MK South Sixth Form, says; "Students who join MK South enjoy a wide choice of courses, pursuing academic and vocational routes. Academic challenge is complemented by excellent pastoral support, particularly in relation to UCAS preparation. Our qualifications, Sports Academy and extra-curricular options are designed to create opportunities for learners to shine and leave us destined for future success."

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Milton Keynes South Sixth Form @
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Open Evening, 29th November @ Lord Grey School, presentations 6pm & 6.45pm
1st December @ Leon School and Sports College, presentation 6pm

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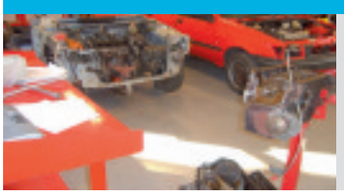

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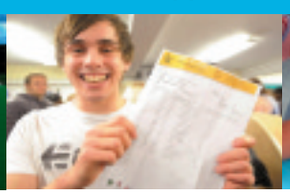

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MK BUSINESS

Forum's advice is some of the best in the UK

BY DAN PALMER
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IF YOU'RE worried about the potential impact of snow and ice on your business then you needn't be as a city service, regarded as one of the best of its kind in the country, is waiting to help.

Bad weather is just one of the problems which can cause firms of any size a headache, but the Milton Keynes Business Resilience Forum provides support which leaves companies as prepared as possible.

The work being done is so good that the Government has highlighted the forum as an example of good practice which should be copied across the UK.

Chairman Tony Cutress, who works for technology services firm Unisys, said different strategies would be used with different types of business.

He said: "It's horses for courses as while a two page document might work for a small firm, it wouldn't for a major company.

"We try to understand what businesses are thinking about and want to heighten the mindset that, although there's a recession, in a couple of weeks there could be six inches of snow which will cause you to lose money."

One in five businesses will suffer a surprising disruptive event which could cause the loss of cash and reputation, with other examples being loss of power and outbreak of illness.

People from across the country have been dipping into the city forum's knowledge as they had nothing similar available.

"If we help someone we tell them to say MK helped them," Mr Cutress said.

For more details e-mail Natasha.Alsop@digitalk.com.

Dons' Luke opens up new-look store

DONS star Luke Chadwick relaunched Wilkinson in Bletchley at a Hallowe'en-themed opening.

The midfield ace was joined by club mascots, Donny and Mooie, chief executive of the club's Sport and Education Trust (SET), John Cove, and store manager Beaven Conniff to cut the ribbon at the new-look store.

For the first 100 'early bird' shoppers through the doors there was an extra treat as they were all given a Hallowe'en cupcake to celebrate the new 'Wilko Boo' range available in store.

A raffle to raise money for the store's charity, Age UK, was also held and a cheque was presented to SET.

Mr Conniff said: "Reopening day has been a resounding success and I am incredibly proud of what the team has achieved.

"The store looks better than ever and we have already received some fantastic compliments from our loyal customers about the bright and modern design, which makes all the hard work worthwhile.

"It was great to have representatives from MK Dons along to help us reopen the store.

"They really helped to make the relaunch a memorable occasion for everyone involved."

Mr Cove added: "It was an an absolute pleasure joining Wilkinson as the store unveiled its rebranded image."

Clearing up: Snow clearing by Bridgman Landscapes

Snow and ice beware

THERE'S no business like snow-business for one city firm.

Bridgman Landscapes, based in Wolverton, has invested £8,000 to tackle any wintery weather which could engulf Milton Keynes in the forthcoming colder months.

The company has bought four snow ploughs, two which are attached to tractors, one to a 4x4 and one to a quad bike, and it hopes to get people going again if things grind to a halt due to snow and ice.

Commerical contracts manager, Chris Bridgman, said: "Due to the severe weather and lack of provisions to deal with the snow last year, we have invested heavily in snow ploughing and gritting equipment for commercial and business needs, retail parks and private car parks."

A forecasting service from the Met Office will help with the gritting service, with weather bulletins providing recommendations for freezing conditions.

This means clients can be notified if problematic chilly conditions have been predicted.

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Firm helps Greek spies

CITY event company Spy Games has successfully completed its latest mission at The Mall in the Greek capital, Athens.

Last month Greece's biggest shopping complex was transformed into 'Spy HQ', offering Spy Games activities for adults and children.

More than 5,000 shoppers put their espionage skills to the test in a series of specially-devised challenges, including dodging laser alarms, an exhilarating 'shoot out', codebreaking and safe cracking.

The best performers were rewarded with 'mall dollars' which could be used to buy gifts.

Managing director, Dave Thomas, said: "The event went exceptionally well, there were some challenges but it was very special."

A shop that is fair

HOME-START Milton Keynes has launched an online fairtrade shop in time for Christmas.

The family support charity, which has a base in Acorn House in Midsummer Boulevard, is selling ethically made products to raise vital funds for its work.

You can browse for gift ideas at www.homestartmk.ethictrade.com.

Reptile store opens up

A NEW shop dedicated to all things reptile has opened its doors in Bletchley.

The grand opening of Realm of Reptiles in Queensway took place on Saturday and there were a lot of slithery and scaly customers on show to handle and interact with.

HR headmistress' seminar

STONY Stratford-based Kate Russell, a nationally renowned HR author, speaker and consultant, has been asked to present at the Great British Business Show on Friday.

Known as the 'HR headmistress', Kate will present a seminar called 'how to get the most out of your workforce,' where she will discuss the importance and the strategic measures employers can make to ensure staff perform at their best levels to help drive any business or project forward.

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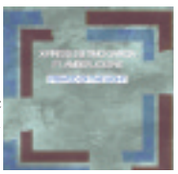
SIMON DARNELL

FRAYED OF THE LIGHT

X-Press 2 and Timo Garcia featuring Amber Jolene

WELL now, this is very 'retro'.

It sounds like it could've come straight off a Kiss Anthems CD from 1997.



Normally, I'd be happy about that, after all the dance music scene was in pretty good shape in the late 90s.

The trouble is this song's seven minutes long, but if it were condensed down to a more suitable running time that would be a problem.

It's far too repetitive and if you trim the fat off it, although the song'll be excellent, you'll barely have three minutes to play with.

CALL IT WHAT YOU WANT

Foster The People

FIRST off, let's take the melody, shall we?

It's an odd one to say the least, because it can be viewed from two entirely different viewpoints at the same time.

On the one hand, you've got a entirely decent melody that evokes memories of the Four Seasons classic, December '63 (Oh What A Night), but on the other hand it sounds like December '63 (Oh What A Night) as it would've been played by Les Dawson.

However, they've got away with it - in a big way.

It's a jolly song that's filled with the joys of spring and, most importantly, it feels genuinely positive without either trying too hard or attempting to hammer home its message, which is basically 'Just be yourself rather than following the crowd.'

Wonderful stuff and of course I'm going to recommend it, but I should warn you, it ends sud...

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Tomorrow, 8.45pm, Stage2

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Friday, 8.45pm, Stage2

M74'S line-up features Maartin Allcock (formerly of Fairport Convention and Jethro Tull), and vocalist Tina McBain of Beatles, Blues & Blue Violin.

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THE WOBURN SANDS BAND

Saturday, 7.30pm

THE programme will run the gamut from big band sounds to classical, jazz, pop, brass band originals and arrangements of your favourite melodies, all in one show.

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STEVEN SPROAT & ELIAS SIBLEY

Saturday, 8.45pm, Stage2

STEVEN Sproat is a singer, songwriter, guitarist and probably the best known ukulele personality in the UK. Elias is a well-respected banjo, guitar and ukulele virtuoso.

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Monday, 8pm

AUSTRALIAN Emily Barker is a compelling songwriter with a gift for weaving melody and words into the magnificent arrangements of her band The Red Clay Halo, whose rootsy ensemble playing underpins Barker's vocal strength and fragility.

Tickets £12.50

KARINE POLWART

Tuesday, 8pm

TWICE winner of Best Original Song at the UK-wide BBC Folk Awards, her debut album Faultlines won Best Album at the BBC Folk Awards in 2005.

Tickets £16

ENSEMBLE 360: INTIMATE LETTERS WITH TIMOTHY WEST

Wednesday, 8pm (Free pre-concert talk 7pm)

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Tickets £12.50, £17.50, or students £5

JON GOMM

Wednesday, 8.45pm, Stage2

JON Gomm is an acoustic singer-songwriter who uses acoustic guitar to create drum sounds, basslines and sparkling melodies.

Tickets £10 in advance, or £12 on the door

CRAUFURD ARMS, WOLVERTON

CRAUFURD SESSIONS

FOOTSWITCH are back.

The exciting, popular, highly energetic and modern alternative teenage rockers make a return to live action on Friday.

The band haven't been idle over the summer - they've spent their time in the rehearsal studio writing a new collection of songs, working hard to improve, develope and mature their sound without loosing the spirit and energy.

The band will be using this Craufurd Sessions headliner to showcase a handful of these new tunes.

Footswitch are supported by Twisted Arcana. Formed earlier this year they bring a new edge of metal to the scene.

Mixing classic thrash, hard rock and metalcore with pounding drums, shredding guitars, groovy bass and soaring and brutal vocals, they are ready to rock your world, with or without your permission.

Also on the bill is Ensall, a new 17-year-old dubstep artist/DJ who first started mixing drum and bass at the tender age of 12.

Five years later, Ensall is the hottest young DJ in Milton Keynes and is hoping to make a big impact on the dubstep scene.

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A DAZZLING homage to George Gershwin, the big band era and the glamour of musical motion pictures, The English National Ballet brings you Strictly Gershwin.

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SCROOGE

Tuesday-Saturday, November 26

AS THE nights draw in and there's a nip in the air, why not get into the festive spirit with the heart-warming family musical Scrooge, starring the legendary Tommy Steele as the mean old miser.

Based on the classic Dickens' tale, this smash hit production follows grumpy old Ebenezer Scrooge whose 'Bah-Humbug' attitude towards the Christmas season means he gets a visit from the ghost of his former partner Jacob Marley, as well as three very special ghouls determined to show him the error of his ways.

Stalwart of stage and screen, Steele is widely thought of as Britain's very first 'teen idol', rocketing to fame fronting the rock 'n' roll band The Steelmen in 1956.

Tommy went on to have more than 20 solo hit singles, including Little White Bull, What a Mouth and Flash, Bang, Wallop.

During the 1960s he progressed to the silver screen and he also took to the stage in numerous award-winning musicals, including Hans Christian Andersen, Half a Sixpence, Singin' in the Rain, Doctor Dolittle and, of course, Scrooge.

Sumptuous costumes and stunning sets combine with specially created illusions by magician Paul Kieve - acclaimed for the magic effects in the Harry Potter films - to make this a feast for the senses.

So don't be a Scrooge and bring all the family to enjoy an evening out with Bob Cratchit, Tiny Tim and that miser Ebenezer for a magical, uplifting tale.

Tommy Steele is Scrooge

MK GALLERY

SCRATCH NIGHTS

Sound Art, tomorrow, 7.15pm

TOMORROW is the first in a series of events co-curated with The Agency Gallery in London in response to the growing importance of sound art.

As part of the continuous commitment to experimental art forms, the Agency Gallery began programming sound art as event based performance.

This collaboration from Tom Richards, Russell Callow and films by David Leister continues to showcase sound performances as well as other cross-disciplinary events.

Tom will revisit an interest in tribal and shamanic music and create a live electronic drum-choir using principles of chance and polyrhythm.

In addition to the semi-autonomous machinic interfaces he utilises to create sound structures, he will also involve resonant sonic sculptural elements as part of his live presentation.

Tom Richards

Russell makes sound collages using many and varied sources. Typically analogue and digital recordings, found sound, percussion, guitar and electronics are all employed in one way or another.

His collages run from the narrative to the purely impressionistic. Although having little or no interest in lyrics in his own language, paradoxically, Russell has embraced the voice as a significant sound source.

David is an established film-maker, he has more than a dozen films in distribution with LUX that are regularly included in experimental film programmes and festivals both in the UK and in Europe.

He has an extensive 16mm archive of discarded educational and information films from the 1940s, 1950s and 1960s, which formed the basis for The Kino Club, his platform for combining improvised film and music in an informal cabaret-club setting, with David as host and projectionist.

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PLATFORM SOUL

Saturday, 7.30pm

THIS 12-piece band comprises vocals, keyboards, lead and base guitars, drums, percussion and a superb four-piece horn section.

The Platform Soul line up has been put together to complement a set list, which includes tracks by artists such as Earth Wind & Fire, Chic, Stevie Wonder, The Bee Gees, Shalamar, Donna Summer, Kool & the Gang, Michael Jackson, plus many more.

Over the years they have played at venues, including Blenheim Palace and Knebworth House.

Performing in authentic costumes the emphasis of the show is to have fun and to get you up dancing. A cocktail bar is open at this event and fancy dress is highly recommended.

Tickets, costing £10, plus 50p booking fee, are available from www.thebuszy.com.

BULL HOTEL, OLNEY

WHOSE TURN IS IT ANYWAY?

Thursday, November 24, 7.30pm

NEXT week the comedy improvisation team Whose Turn is it Anyway? is serving up a bargain deal of top improvised comedy.

The is a show made up of very silly improvisation games where the comics playing don't know what the situations or characters will be - because the audience provides them.

From World's Worst Step to Singing the Blues, the stage is set for a night of laughter and naughtiness.

Doors open at 7.30 for an 8pm start. Tickets are £8 on the door, but just £7 if reserved or bought in advance.

The Bull is also offering a special meal deal for showgoers on the night so why not dine before the show?

For more information, call David on 01908 605502, email david@whoseturn.org.uk, or visit www.whoseturn.org.uk.

Please note, due to the language and subject matter, the show is unsuitable for under 16s.

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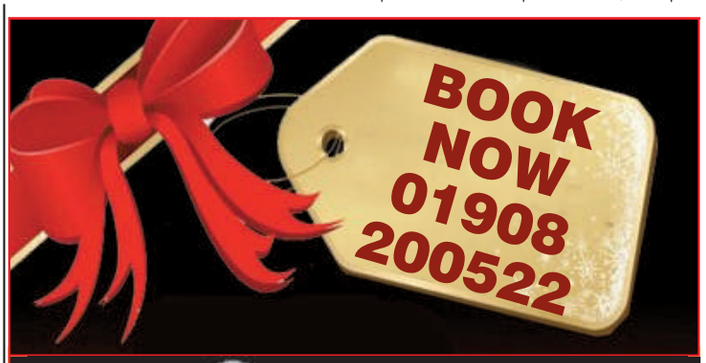

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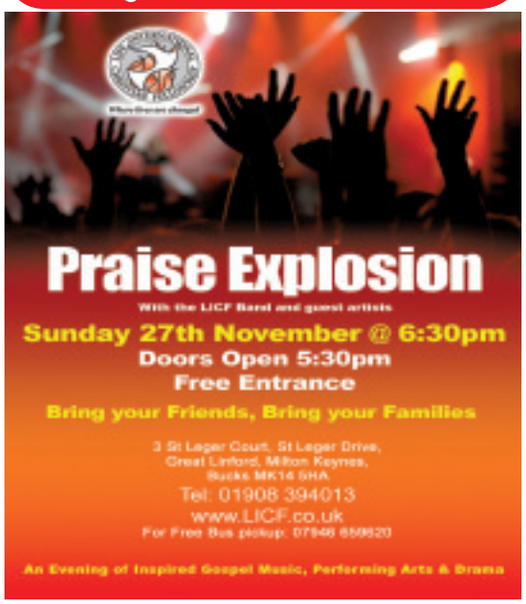

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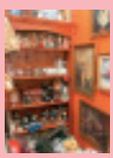

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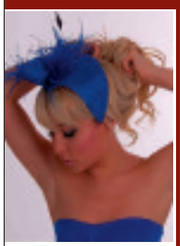

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Deaths

JOYCE SMITH
Passed away peacefully at home on 2nd November 2011, aged 78 years.
She will be sadly missed by all her family.
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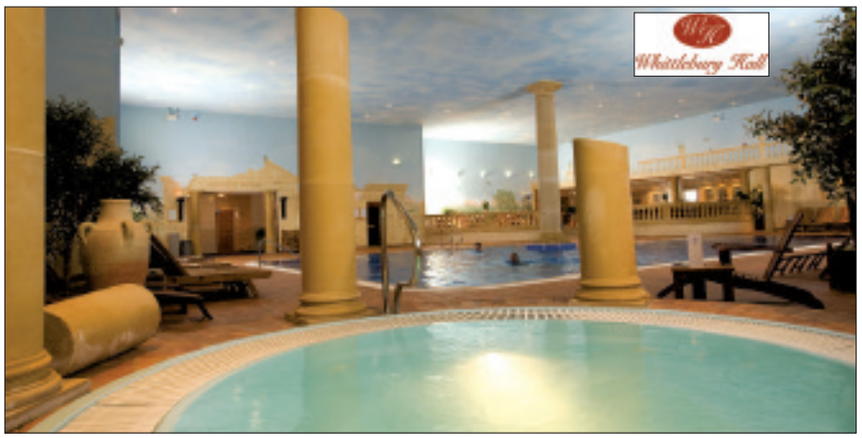

NOW the dark nights are here, the award-winning four star deluxe Whittlebury Hall Hotel and Spa offers a great way to brighten up your day.

Set in rural Northamptonshire, the spa offers guests a host of invigorating heat and ice experiences, including a hydrotherapy pool, sanarium, caldarium, aromatherapy crystal steam room and ice cave, complemented by therapies from ESPA, Elemis, Jessica and Clarins.

Its Soothe and Stay Package offers you the chance to spend some quality time with a friend or loved one while enjoying a luxurious pampering experience.

From just £140 per person*, this two-day, one night deluxe getaway includes:

- Full use of The Day Spa heat and ice experiences and Leisure Club facilities on both days
- A two-course lunch on one day in The Terrace Café
- A 50-minute well being massage or Elemis skin specific facial
- A three-course dinner in Astons Restaurant
- Overnight accommodation with a full English breakfast

Highlights of this experience were the massage with soothing ESPA body oils, which took place in a joint treatment room, and dinner in Astons Restaurant.

Offering a relaxed and informal atmosphere, Astons' menu offers classic and contemporary cuisine, complemented by a selection of wines from around the globe.

And judging by the number of people there, it is clearly a popular choice for diners.

Starters include goats cheese cannelloni (wrapped in cucumber, not pasta) and stilton, pear and walnut salad.

The main of pork fillet with cranberry mash, seasonal vegetables and red wine jus was absolutely delicious. The pork was the best I've ever tasted.

The fillet steak with creamed potatoes, baby carrots, mushrooms and caramelised onion puree was also a good choice.

Apple tart with apple sorbet and citrus pudding with vanilla ice-cream were the perfect ending to this delightful dinner.

Overall, this package is the perfect way to escape the autumn weather and experience an ultimate pampering treat that will leave you feeling rejuvenated.

And you could enjoy a restful retreat as Whittelbury Hall has teamed up with MK NEWS to offer one lucky reader a Soothe and Stay Package for two people*.

To be in with a chance of winning, simply answer the following question: Where can you enjoy dinner on the Soothe and Stay Package?

Send your entry, complete with your name, address and daytime telephone number, to competitions@mk-news.co.uk, or MK NEWS, 1 Diamond Court, Fox Milne, Milton Keynes, MK15 0DU. The deadline for entries is Wednesday, November 23 at noon. The editor's decision is final.

*Full terms and conditions apply. This prize is non-transferable and non-refundable and has no cash equivalent. This prize cannot be used in conjunction with any other offer or promotion. The prize is available Sunday-Friday only and subject to availability. Winners must be aged 18 years or over. This competition is not open to the employees of Whittlebury Hall and their family members. Accommodation is based on two people sharing a standard room. A £40 single supplement applies. Prizes to be booked and taken by February 29, 2012, excluding February10-18, 2012. Lunch and treatment to be taken on the same day.

Soothe and Stay is just one of the packages currently being offered by Whittlebury Hall this autumn. To find out more and register for an e-newsletter to receive the latest offers, visit www.whittleburyhall.co.uk. Alternatively, call 0845 400 0002.

HEART FM COLUMN

BREAKFAST show presenters Stuart and Natalie wake you up each weekday morning on Heart FM and write to you each week in MK NEWS.

We recently had the Hoff on the show, telling us why he won't give up on the continuous wedding proposals to Hayley.

He admitted he tries to do it in life threatening positions: "Like bungee jumping off Victoria falls bridge or in front of sharks, that was pretty interesting, that really got her attention." But it didn't get him a yes though!

We wanted to hear his plans for cult show Knight Rider: "I took it to the network and they blew it, they cut me out of it. It had no heart, no humour and no action.

"I've now got the possibility of buying the full rights, so I can create it like David Hasselhoff's Knight Rider - make it true to the old school, have Kit still be Kit and Michael still be Michael and he has a son."

Let's hope he doesn't put a booster seat in the back as Kit won't be too happy.

Heart's Jason Donavon has been talking about how much he enjoyed the Hallowe'en episode of Strictly, with the group dance as the Adam's family.

His quick step was brilliant, putting him back on form after his Pasadoble the week before. Jason described that dance as: "A difficult birth - following on from Len's comments, where he described me as the midwife that always delivers."

He also admitted the downside of Strictly saying: "You get so anxious, you're doing the dance and they pull you off straight away to talk to the judges and I can't even get the saliva going in my mouth for about 10 seconds, I can't even speak."

We love how he's doing us proud and look forward to which dance is next. You can support Team Jason at www.heart.co.uk.

Stuart and Natalie present Heart Breakfast Monday to Friday, from 6-10am, on Heart 103.3FM.

Leisure or events news? e-mail **editor@mk-news.co.uk**

DAILY LIFE

TOMORROW

BIG Pub Quiz. Maybe the best and most friendly banter filled quiz night in MK at the Craufurd Arms, Wolverton. Starts 8pm.

MAGICAL! Shopping Night at frosts, Woburn Sands. An evening of shopping with a live band, choir, mulled wine and mince pies. If that doesn't sound good enough, there will be 10 per cent off everything. From 5-9pm.

OXFAM Shop, Stony Stratford. An evening for people to come together over drinks and nibbles to find out more about Oxfam's work and how people in the local community can get involved. Oxfam representatives on the evening will be talking about emergency work. From 7-8.30pm, free.

FRIDAY

PERFORMERS Night at the Song Loft, Cock Hotel, Stony Stratford. Formerly Singers Night, renamed so if you can't or don't want to sing you can recite a poem, tell a story, or play an instrumental instead. Starts 8.15pm, £2 on the door, all welcome.

SATURDAY

HEDGELAYING. Join the volunteer team at Marston Vale and do something for the environment, get some exercise and have fun. Try your hand at the traditional art of hedgelaying. Meet at the Forest Centre at 10.15am. Contact stephen.gascoyne@marstonvale.org if you would like to attend.

MK RAMBLERS. A nine-mile circular walk from Roade via Blisworth, Shutlanger and Stoke Bruerne. Meet at 10am in Hyde Road, Roade, on the railway bridge. Bring a packed lunch. For more details call 07963 739657.

ICE-SKATING. For the first time, Frosts at Woburn Sands will be transformed into one of the coolest locations for winter fun. Set among the outdoor plants it offers a family experience to remember. Open during normal hours until January 2. Adults £8.49, children £5.99.

CHRISTMAS fair, Christ the Vine Church, Coffee Hall. Refreshments, bacon rolls, Father Christmas, tombola, raffle, cake stall and many children's activities. Fun for all the family, free admission, 11am-1pm.

MOPS (Mums of Pre-schoolers) Family Christmas Fair, Lovat Hall, Silver Street, Newport Pagnell. Children's activities, cakes, cards, homemade gifts, plants, arts and more. Noon-4pm, admission 20p adults, children free. Refreshments available.

LEARN to board on the World Famous Buszy Skate Plaza. Instruction by MK's best skaters. Pads, helmets and boards all provided. Limited places. Just £2 per session, pay as you go!

WINTER Harmony Concert by Milton Keynes Barbershop Harmony at St Mary & St Giles Church, Stony Stratford. Music from barber shop to classical, Beethoven to Lloyd Webber featuring acapella, piano, soloist soprano, chamber choir and barbershop quartet. Tickets £8 from tickets@mkacapella.com.

FAMILY disco in aid of MK Life at St Paul's School, Leadenhall. Join in the family fun while raising money for charity. From 7.30-11.30pm, tickets £12 adults, £8 children (includes buffet) available in advance from Bernadette on 01908 312709, or on the door.

SUNDAY

AMERICAN football. The MK Pathfinders are hosting rookie days at MK Rugby Club, Emerson Valley. Meet at 1.30 for 2pm start. Anyone wanting to try the sport out will need to bring some football boots and a drink. Bar is available on site should you just want to take a look.

HELP raise money for Children in Need and showcase your voice in a 15 Minute Club special at The Living Room, The Hub. Perform two songs to collect donations, whoever raises the most wins a prize. For more details and to enter contact Laurence Hobbs on 07945 934075, or 15minuteclub@gmail.com.

SCALA Film Club. Of Gods & Men. Trappist monastery serving an impoverished community is attacked by terrorists. The monks are caught in the middle between the terrorists and the Algerian government. The Cock Hotel, Stony Stratford. Details stonyscalafilm@aol.com, 7pm, subtitled.

MONDAY

PUB quiz. Test your brains and raise money for Willen Hospice at the same time. The ever popular Barge Inn at Woolstone fun quiz starts at 8.45pm, £1 per player.

WEDNESDAY

ZUMBA Class, The Buszy, CMK Bus Station. Join the party! Latin based cardio dance fitness total body workout, 5.30-7.30pm. For more information call 07966 488727, or www.thebuszy.com.

OPEN Film Society, Chico and Rita. A love story between a nightclub singer and a jazz pianist in stunning animation. Taste the spirit and music of the 1950s jazz scene carried along by the sultry jazz score. Old Lecture Theatre, OU. Times 6.15 and 8.45pm, details www.openfilmsociety.co.uk.

OPEN mic night, Craufurd Arms, Newport Road, Wolverton. Hosted every week by the renowned Sean Grant. Accoustic night, open to all. From 8pm until midnight.

MIDDLETON HALL THECENTRE:MK

Santa arriving in MK last year

CHILDREN all over Milton Keynes had better be extra nice this weekend as Father Christmas is coming to the city.

On Friday Middleton Hall is set to be transformed into a winter wonderland as Santa will deliver Christmas to the-centre:mk.

There will be a festive parade, accompanied by local schools and the Milton Keynes City Orchestra, and a sing-along on the way to open his grotto.

The ever popular spectacle starts near M&S and works it way through the shopping centre before the man in the big red coat opens his grotto at 4.30pm.

This year's theme is An Olde English Christmas within a beautiful Dickensian setting.

After Santa's parade, you will have to get your skates on as the excitement moves to around the Christmas tree in Queens Court, where the spectacular outdoor ice rink will be opened at 7.30pm.

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OXLEY PARK **£199,995**

A well presented end terrace family home. The property is located on the Western fringe of Milton Keynes and is within walking distance of shops, schools and parkland making this home ideal for a young family. The accommodation comprises entrance hall, cloakroom, lounge, kitchen/diner, master bedroom with en suite, two further bedrooms and bathroom. Outside there are gardens and a driveway providing off road parking leading to a single garage.

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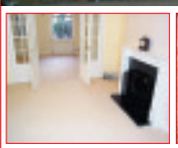
- Garage/workshop

WOLVERTON £175,000



- 3 double bedrooms
- Separate reception rooms
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- Upstairs bathroom
- UPVC double glazing (w/s)
- Utility room
- Downstairs cloakroom
- Single garage

WOLVERTON £180,000

- 3 double bedrooms
- Upstairs bathroom
- Separate reception rooms
- Kitchen/breakfast room
- UPVC double glazing
- Downstairs cloakroom
- Gas to radiator heating
- Front & rear gardens
- Single garage

WOLVERTON £190,000

- 3 bed extended semi detached
- Separate reception rooms
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- Utility room
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- Off road rear parking
- Backing onto Wolverton Recreation Grounds

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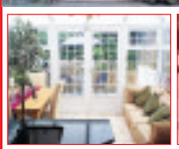

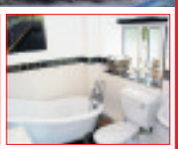

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- Upstairs bathroom
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- UPVC double glazing
- Re-fitted kitchen
- UPVC d/g Conservatory
- Open fireplaces
- Garage at rear
- Situated opposite Tennis Courts

WOLVERTON £180,000

- 3 bedrooms
- End of terrace
- Built in 2003
- Kitchen with appliances
- Dining room
- Downstairs cloakroom
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- Driveway & garage

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- 1950's semi detached
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- Lounge/diner
- UPVC double glazing
- Gas to radiator heating
- Front & rear gardens
- Situated on a corner plot

WOLVERTON £180,000

- 4 bedrooms
- End of terrace
- Three reception rooms
- Open fireplaces
- Full cellar
- Sealed unit double glazing
- Re-fitted upstairs bathroom
- No upper chain

WOLVERTON £170,000

- 3 bedrooms
- 1930s semi detached
- Separate dining room
- Utility room
- Downstairs cloakroom
- Gas to radiator heating
- Southerly facing rear garden
- Off road parking for two cars
- No upper chain

OLD WOLVERTON £155,000

- 3 bedrooms
- Semi detached house
- UPVC double glazed conservatory
- Downstairs cloakroom
- UPVC double glazed windows
- Gas to radiator heating
- Carport
- No upper chain

GREAT LINFORD £185,000

- 3 bedrooms
- Semi detached house
- UPVC double glazed windows
- Separate reception rooms
- Utility room/downstairs cloakroom
- Gas to radiator heating
- Off road parking for several cars
- Countryside rear views
- Potential to extend (stpp)

HANSLOPE £227,500

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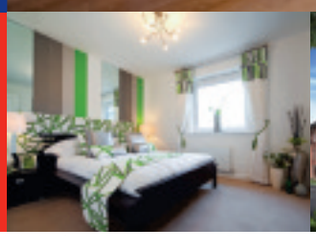

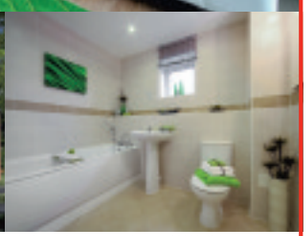

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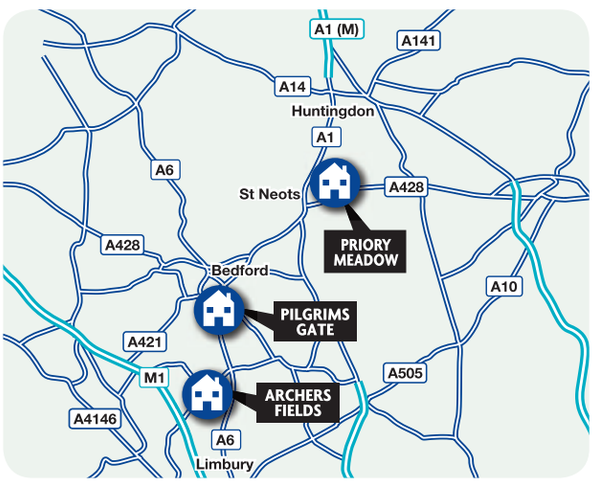

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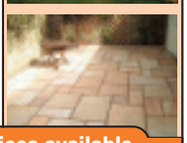

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NOTICE UNDER ARTICLE 13 OF THE TOWN & COUNTRY (DEVELOPMENT MANAGEMENT) PROCEDURE ORDER 2010 AND/OR NOTICE UNDER SECTION 67 OR 73 OF PLANNING (LISTED BUILDINGS & CONSERVATION AREAS) ACT 1990
Central Bedfordshire

APPLICATION NO:	CB/11/03520/VOC	Affects Conserv Area / General Publicity
PROPOSAL:	Variation of Condition 15 of planning permission SB/TP/93/0107 for the extension of delivery hours to 06.00 and 21.00 hours on Monday to Saturday and 08.00 and 16.00 hours on Sundays and Bank Holidays.	
LOCATION:	Aldi Foodstore Ltd, Vimy Road, Linslade, Leighton Buzzard, LU7 1ER	
APPLICATION NO:	CB/11/03987/LB	Affects Listed Building/Conserv. Area
PROPOSAL:	Listed Building Consent: Internal Shop fit	
LOCATION:	38 High Street North, Dunstable, LU6 1LA	
APPLICATION NO:	CB/11/03995/VOC	Affects Conserv Area / General Publicity
PROPOSAL:	Variation of Condition 11 of Planning Permission Ref. SB/TP/06/0193 relating to the permitted delivery hours at the existing Aldi Foodstore.	
LOCATION:	Aldi Stores, Church Street, Dunstable, LU5 4RP	
APPLICATION NO:	CB/11/03781/FULL	Affects Conservation Area
PROPOSAL:	Change of Use: Retention of replacement fence and enclosure of land	
LOCATION:	4 Rose Court, Eaton Bray, Dunstable, LU6 2RS	
APPLICATION NO:	CB/11/03783/FULL	Affects Conservation Area
PROPOSAL:	Demolition of joinery workshop and erection of detached garage	
LOCATION:	Rectory Farm, Hexton Road, Barton-le-Clay, Bedford, MK45 4JZ	
APPLICATION NO:	CB/11/03784/FULL	Affects Conservation Area
PROPOSAL:	Conversion of garage to a one bedroom flat	
LOCATION:	Rectory Farm, Hexton Road, Barton-le-Clay, Bedford, MK45 4JZ	
APPLICATION NO:	CB/11/03824/FULL	Affects Conservation Area
PROPOSAL:	Demolition of existing garage and swimming pool enclosure and erection of detached annexe.	
LOCATION:	28 Station Road, Toddington, Dunstable, LU5 6BN	
APPLICATION NO:	CB/11/03825/CA	Affects Conservation Area
PROPOSAL:	Conservation Consent: Demolition of existing garage and swimming pool enclosure and erection of detached annexe.	
LOCATION:	28 Station Road, Toddington, Dunstable, LU5 6BN	
APPLICATION NO:	CB/11/03849/MW	General Publicity
PROPOSAL:	Treatment, recovery and placement of existing deposited waste with export of excess waste to achieve final site restoration.	
LOCATION:	Ledburn Quarry, Ledburn Road, Leighton Buzzard	
APPLICATION NO:	CB/11/03873/FULL	Affects Listed Building/Conserv. Area
PROPOSAL:	Demolition of existing glazed conservatory and construction of new period style veranda canopy	
LOCATION:	East Hill Farm, 31 Sundon Road, Houghton Regis, Dunstable, LU5 5LL	
APPLICATION NO:	CB/11/03874/LB	Affects Listed Building/Conserv. Area
PROPOSAL:	Demolition of existing glazed conservatory and construction of new period style veranda canopy	
LOCATION:	East Hill Farm, 31 Sundon Road, Houghton Regis, Dunstable, LU5 5LL	
APPLICATION NO:	CB/11/03895/ADV	Affects Conservation Area
PROPOSAL:	Advertising Consent: Erection of flag pole and display of green flag	
LOCATION:	Priory House, 33 High Street South, Dunstable, LU6 3RZ	
APPLICATION NO:	CB/11/03896/ADV	Affects Conservation Area
PROPOSAL:	Advertisement: 1 x No Internally illuminated free standing double sided display unit	
LOCATION:	9-11 Manor Road, Caddington, Luton, LU1 4EE	
APPLICATION NO:	CB/11/03932/FULL	General Publicity
PROPOSAL:	Erection of two storey rear extension and removal of garage	
LOCATION:	17 Bullpond Lane, Dunstable, LU6 3BH	
APPLICATION NO:	CB/11/03947/FULL	Affects Conservation Area
PROPOSAL:	Erection of single storey extension	
LOCATION:	26 Dunstable Road, Studham, Dunstable, LU6 2QG	

Planning applications, related documents and drawings can be viewed on our website http://www.centralbedfordshire.gov.uk/planning

Alternatively, the application can be viewed at our offices at Priory House, Monks Walk, Chicksands, Shefford, SG17 5TQ or at the Points of Presence at The Old Court House, Woburn Street, Ampthill, MK45 2HX. The Job Centre Plus Building, High Street, Biggleswade and Bossard House, West Street, Leighton Buzzard, LU7 1DA. Our customer contact telephone number is 0300 300 8307. A paper copy application is sent to the local Town/Parish Council.

If you wish to make representations about any of these applications should do so within 21 days from the date of this notice by writing to the Head of Development Management, Priory House, Monks Walk, Chicksands, Shefford, SG17 5TQ, or by email to planning@centralbedfordshire.gov.uk Please quote the application number/s. Comments should be restricted to valid planning considerations such as effect on amenity, privacy, noise, traffic, access or similar. Please note any representations received are made available on our website for public inspection and so cannot be treated in confidence.

Assistant Director – Development Management 13th November 2011

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HELEN 34, lonely single mum of one, slim, attractive, tall, WLTM male for friendship maybe developing into something more later. Any age/status. **Tel No: 0906 199 8100 Box No: 378007**

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GOODS VEHICLE OPERATORS LICENCE

P W Gates Distribution Ltd of 2 Swallow End, Welwyn Garden City, Herts, AL7 1JA is applying to change an existing licence as follows:

To add an Operating Centre to keep 3 vehicles and 3 trailers at Unit 19, Burners Lane, Milton Keynes, MK11 3HA.

To add an Operating Centre to keep 1 vehicle and 3 trailers at Unit 37/39, Burners Lane, Milton Keyes, MK11 3HA.

Owners or occupiers of land (including buildings) near the operating centre who believe that their use or enjoyment of that land would be affected, should make written representations to the Traffic Commissioner at: Leeds Traffic Area Office, 386 Harehills Lane, Leeds, LS9 6NF stating their reasons, within 21 days of this notice.

Representors must at the same time send a copy of their representations to the applicant at the address given at the top of this notice. A guide to making representations is available from the Traffic Commissioner's office.

HIGHWAYS AGENCY

ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 - SECTION 14(1)(a)
THE A5 TRUNK ROAD (A4146 KELLY'S KITCHEN ROUNDABOUT, MILTON KEYNES) (TEMPORARY 50 MILES PER HOUR SPEED RESTRICTION) ORDER 2011

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Secretary of State for Transport has made an Order on the A5 Trunk Road in Milton Keynes, to provide a safe working environment for the workforce whilst works are carried out to reduce vegetation on the verges in connection with the proposed signalisation of Kelly's Kitchen Roundabout.

The works are expected to take place over four weeks beginning on or after Monday 28 November 2011 at the following times -

- A5 Northbound - 9am to 4pm Mondays to Thursdays, 9am to 2pm Fridays, 7am to 12 noon and 2pm to 5pm Saturdays, and 7am to 5pm Sundays, and
- A5 Southbound - 10am to 4pm Mondays to Thursdays, 10am to 3pm Fridays, and 7am to 5pm Saturdays and Sundays.

The effect of the Order will be to impose a 50 miles per hour speed limit on the A5 between points 1700 metres north and 1700 metres south of its junctions with the A4146 Kelly's Kitchen Roundabout, including the circulatory carriageway of the roundabout.

The temporary mandatory speed limit will not apply to emergency service and special forces vehicles. Access to property will be maintained at all times.

The Order will come into force on 21 November 2011 and have a maximum duration of eighteen months.

Mrs A V Middleton, An official of the Highways Agency

General enquiries relating to this notice may be made in writing to Andy Shilliday at the Highways Agency, Woodlands, Manton Lane, Bedford MK41 7LW or by telephoning him on 01234 796197.

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APPLICATION TO LICENCE PREMISES FOR CIVIL CEREMONIES

NOTICE IS GIVEN that the following application has been received for a Licence for the use of premises listed below for civil ceremonies.

A copy of the application and covering plans will be available for inspection at The Register Office Bracknell House Aylesbury Street Bletchley Milton Keynes on weekdays between 9.30am and 4.30pm from Monday 21 November 2011 until Friday 9 December 2011.

Anyone wishing to object to this application should write to the Proper Officer for Registration Milton Keynes Council Saxon Court 502 Avebury Boulevard Central Milton Keynes MK9 3HS stating their objections by Monday 12 December 2011.

Paul Sanders
Proper Officer for Registration

Name and Address of Applicant
De Vere Harben House
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Newport Pagnell
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THE COUNCIL OF THE BOROUGH OF MILTON KEYNES (VARIOUS ROADS, BEANHILL) (PARKING AND WAITING RESTRICTIONS) ORDER 2011

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Council of the Borough of Milton Keynes has on 16 November 2011 made an Order under the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984. The Order, which comes into effect on 17 November 2011, affects all classes of vehicle and will have the following effects within parts of roads in Beanhill, Milton Keynes as stated below:-

1. The introduction of 'no waiting at any time' restrictions along parts of Wastel and Dodkin;
2. The introduction of 'limited waiting' restrictions between 8.00 am and 6.00 pm from Monday to Friday along parts of both sides of Wastel;
3. The introduction of 'limited waiting' restrictions between 8.00 am and 6.00 pm from Monday to Friday along part of the eastern side of Dodkin;
4. The introduction of '1 hour limited waiting' restrictions between 8.00 am and 6.00 pm from Monday to Saturday and no return within 2 hours along part of Dodkin, from a point approximately 25.5 metres north-east of its junction with Maslin Drive for a distance of approximately 52.5 metres in a north-easterly direction;
5. The introduction of one disabled person's parking bay on Dodkin, at a point approximately 20 metres north-east of its junction with Maslin Drive.

Exemptions from the Order include emergency service vehicles, military vehicles, statutory undertakers, building, demolition and excavation, disabled persons badge holders, and some others.

Copies of the Order together with maps showing the areas referred to along with a Statement of Reasons for proposing the Order, may be inspected during opening hours at Milton Keynes Library, 555 Silbury Boulevard, Central Milton Keynes and during normal office hours at Milton Keynes Council, Civic Offices, 1 Saxon Gate East, Milton Keynes.

Any person wishing to question the validity of the Order or any provision contained in the Order on the grounds that it is not within the powers conferred by the Road Traffic Regulation Act, or on the grounds that any requirement of the Act or any Instrument made under the Act has not been complied with may, within six weeks from the date on which the Order was made, apply to the High Court for that purpose.

Philip McCourt, Assistant Director – Law & Governance 16 November 2011
Civic Offices, 1 Saxon Gate East, Central Milton Keynes

THE COUNCIL OF THE BOROUGH OF MILTON KEYNES (WOLVERTON ROAD (PART), WOLVERTON) (TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ORDER 2011

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Council of the Borough of Milton Keynes has, on the 16th November 2011, made an Order under Section 14(1) and 14 (4) of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984. The Order will affect all vehicles and will have the following effects:-

To temporarily impose a one way traffic flow system by prohibiting all vehicles from proceeding along Wolverton Road, Wolverton from its junction with Stratford Road and Newport Road at the mini roundabout adjacent to Wolverton Station to its junction with Haversham Roundabout, Wolverton other than in a northerly direction.

Whilst the one way traffic system is in effect the alternative route for southbound traffic will be to proceed via the V6 Grafton Street in a south easterly direction to Stonebridge Roundabout, then turn right onto the Newport Road to the mini roundabout adjacent to Wolverton Station.

To temporarily impose a 30mph speed limit restriction along that part of Wolverton Road, Wolverton from its junction with Stratford Road and Newport Road at the mini roundabout adjacent to Wolverton Station to its junction with Haversham Roundabout, Wolverton.

To temporarily introduce 25 unrestricted free parking bays along that part of the eastern kerbline of Wolverton Road, Wolverton from its junction with Stratford Road and Newport Road at the mini roundabout adjacent to Wolverton Station to its junction with Haversham Roundabout, Wolverton.

The provision of these temporary parking bays is to accommodate commuter parking whilst the Wolverton railway station car park is redeveloped.

BUSES

For the duration of the Order whilst the restrictions are in force, the bus stop located on the east side of Wolverton Road will be temporarily suspended from use and relocated to the existing bus stop west of the railway bridge on Stratford Road, Wolverton

The Council is satisfied that the temporary restrictions are necessary to enable works to be carried out, namely, redevelopment works to Wolverton Railway Station. It is anticipated that the temporary restrictions will come into effect from Monday 21st November 2011 until Monday 30th April 2012, inclusive.

There shall be no exemptions from the provisions of this Order except for emergency service vehicles and military service vehicles on operational duties.

The Order will come into operation on the 21st November 2011 and the restrictions will be in force when indicated by the appropriate traffic signs.

Any person committing a breach of any movement restrictions of the Order shall be liable upon prosecution to such fine as prescribed by the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984. Any person committing a breach of any waiting restrictions of the Order shall be liable upon issue of such penalty charge as prescribed by Part 6 of the Traffic Management Act 2004.

Philip McCourt, Assistant Director – Law & Governance 16 November 2011
Civic Offices, 1 Saxon Gate East, Central Milton Keynes

Milton Keynes Council

The following applications may be inspected at the Planning, Economy and Development Department, Civic Offices, 1 Saxon Gate East, Milton Keynes. Representations, if any, to be submitted in writing to the above address within 21 days of the publication of this notice.

SECTION 73 WITHIN A CONSERVATION AREA

11/02302/TCA Notification of intention to fell one Willow tree (T1), to fell one Copper Beech (T2) and to fell one Sorbus (T3) at Silver Springs, West Lane, Emberton.

11/02247/FUL Extension of garden wall, erection of two brick pillars and new gates at 3 Theydon Avenue, Woburn Sands.

11/02334/FUL Replacement of windows, doors, side screens and automatic opening vents at Lawnsmead Garden Court and Lodge, Lawnsmead Gardens, Newport Pagnell.

11/02335/CON Conservation area consent for demolition of two semi-detached dwellings (Resubmission of 07/01081/CON) at Land At Tall Timbers And Pine Haven, Watling Street, Little Brickhill.

11/02360/FUL Change of use from offices (use class B1A) to residential dwelling (use class C3) at 112 High Street, Newport Pagnell.

11/02372/FUL Erection of a single storey side extension at 17 Richmond Way, Newport Pagnell.

11/02379/TCA Notification of intention to cut back rotting branches to Bramley apple tree at 13B South Street, Castlethorpe.

11/02385/FUL Installation of 24 hour ATM cash machine at 25-27 High Street, Woburn Sands.

11/02405/TCA Notification of intention to fell one Beech tree (T1) at Yew Tree Cottage, Timpson Lane, Clifton Reynes.

11/02415/FUL Installation of Velux window to the pitched roof overlooking the courtyard at Bull Court, Market Place, Olney.

11/02424/TCA Notification of intention to fell one Ash Tree at The Well At Willen, Newport Road, Willen.

11/02437/TCA Notification of intention to reduce the crown by 20% of one Crab Apple tree (T2) at 1 Lawnsmead Gardens, Newport Pagnell.

11/02454/TPO Tree preservation order consent to pollard 12 Lime trees (G1) and remove epicormic growth to a height of 3m at Stratford House, Mill Lane, Stony Stratford.

SECTION 67 & 73 AFFECTING THE SETTING OF A LISTED BUILDING WITHIN A CONSERVATION AREA

11/01336/FUL Installation of UPVC windows and doors at 6 Canterbury Meadows, Kingsmead.

11/02292/TPO Tree preservation order consent to lift the crown by 15% on one Sweet Chestnut tree (T1); crown lift by 5% 2 x Horse Chestnut trees (T6 and T7) and 2 x Prunus trees (A and B) at Jesuan House, London Road, Stony Stratford.

11/02423/TCA Notification of intention to reduce canopy of 1 x Eucalyptus by 30% and re-pollard to house aspect, deadwood and remove frost damaged sections of canopy at 39 High Street, Olney.

11/02464/FUL Erection of detached residential unit at 16 Market Square, Stony Stratford.

SECTION 67 & 73 LISTED BUILDING WITHIN A CONSERVATION AREA

11/02430/FUL Erection of a two storey rear extension and replacement roof to rear (re-submission of 11/01598/FUL) at 57 High Street, Olney.

11/02431/LBC Listed building consent for the erection of a two storey rear extension and replacement roof to rear and new toilet on ground floor at 57 High Street, Olney.

SECTION 67 LISTED BUILDING

11/02339/LBC Listed building consent for the demolition and rebuilding of a portion of the barn wall at Kiln Farm Club, Keller Close, Kiln Farm, Milton Keynes.

11/02406/LBC Listed Building Consent for the installation of 1 Velux window to the pitched roof overlooking the courtyard at Bull Court, Market Place, Olney.

11/02407/LBC Listed building consent to alter existing aperture for ATM machine at 5 High Street, Stony Stratford.

TOWN AND COUNTRY PLANNING ACT (AS AMENDED) TOWN AND COUNTRY PLANNING ACT (GENERAL DEVELOPMENT PROCEDURES) ORDER 1995 NOTICE UNDER ARTICLE 8 MAJOR

11/02404/REM Reserved matters pursuant of planning permission 09/00618/OUTIES for layout, scale, appearance, and landscape for phase 1 of Oakgrove Development, comprising of 231 dwellings, 584sqm of A3/A4 (restaurants/cafes and drinking establishments) use, 4,839sqm of A1 (retail) use, Oakgrove Community Centre, V10 underpass and play area and associated works at Oakgrove Phase 1, Chaffron Way V8 To V10, Milton Keynes.

11/02413/OUT Outline planning permission for the construction of new warehouse and production facility with associated offices, car parking and lorry service yard; with approval for access at Former Alps Alps Electric UK Ltd, Garamonde Drive, Wymbush.

11/02455/FUL Demolition of existing buildings (Use Class B1/B8), erection of unit to provide retail floor space (Use Class A1) with associated infrastructure, access, parking and landscaping at Grafton Court, Snowdon Drive, Winterhill.

Nick Fenwick
Assistant Director Planning Economy and Development

THE COUNCIL OF THE BOROUGH OF MILTON KEYNES (DRAYTON ROAD AND BARTON ROAD (PARTS), BLETCHLEY) (TEMPORARY CLOSURE) ORDER 2011

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Council of the Borough of Milton Keynes with the consent of Buckinghamshire County Council intends, in not less than seven days from the date of this notice, to make an Order under Section 14(1) of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984. Its effect will be to temporarily prohibit all vehicular access along the following lengths of road during the dates and times stated below:-

Drayton Road, Bletchley from a point approximately 150 metres north of its junction with the A4146 to its junction with Lomond Drive, Bletchley. It is anticipated that this closure will commence from 8.00pm on Saturday 26th November 2011 until 3.00pm on Sunday 27th November 2011.

The alternative route for southbound traffic will be to proceed left onto Lomond Drive, then right onto Stoke Road, then right onto the A4146 and vice versa for northbound traffic.

Barton Road, Bletchley from the southern end of Barton Road at a point adjacent to number 32 Barton Road for a distance of approximately 110 metres in a northerly direction to its junction with the access road into Water Eaton Industrial Estate. It is anticipated that this closure will commence from 12.00 noon on Saturday 17th December 2011 until 8.00pm on Sunday 18th December 2011.

There will be no alternative route for traffic for this closure.

The Council is satisfied that the temporary closures are necessary because of the likelihood of danger to the public whilst a mobile crane is positioned on site in order to enable the delivery of signalling structures into position on the railway infrastructure.

The temporary restrictions will be in force on the dates and at the times shown when indicated by the appropriate traffic signs.

There will be no exemptions from the provisions of this Order.

The proposed Order will come into operation on Saturday the 26th November 2011 and will continue in force for a maximum period of 18 months or until the likelihood of danger to the public has been alleviated, which ever is the sooner. If the danger remains up to the maximum period stated, a further Order may be made with the consent of the Secretary of State.

Any person committing a breach of the Order will be liable upon prosecution to such fine as is prescribed by the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984.

Philip McCourt, Assistant Director – Law & Governance 16 November 2011
Civic Offices, 1 Saxon Gate East, Central Milton Keynes

THE COUNCIL OF THE BOROUGH OF MILTON KEYNES (PARTS OF BRIDLEWAY NUMBER 12 CLIFTON REYNES AND BRIDLEWAY NUMBER 16, LAVENDON AT LAVENDON MILL SLUICE) (TEMPORARY CLOSURE) ORDER 2011

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Council of the Borough of Milton Keynes has on 16 November 2011 made an Order under Section 14(1) of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984 because repair and replacement works are to be carried out to Lavendon Mill Sluice, Clifton Reynes, Milton Keynes. The effect of the Order is to temporarily prohibit access to those parts of Bridleway Number 12 Clifton Reynes (to the south) and Bridleway Number 16 Lavendon (to the north) which run for a distance of approximately 50 metres either side of Lavendon Mill Sluice, together with those parts of the above bridleways which run across Lavendon Mill Sluice. It is anticipated that the closure will be in effect from 21 November 2011 until 9 March 2012 inclusive. The bridleways may be opened sooner if the works are complete and it is safe to do so.

Due to the excessive length of any diversion there will be no alternative route.

There shall be no exemptions from the provisions of the Order.

The Order will come into operation on 21 November 2011 and will continue in force for a period of up to a maximum of 6 months or until the said works have been completed.

Any person committing a breach of the Order will be liable upon prosecution to such fine as prescribed by the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984.

Philip McCourt, Assistant Director – Law & Governance 16 November 2011
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THE COUNCIL OF THE BOROUGH OF MILTON KEYNES (PARTS OF THE A4146, WATLING STREET AND BRICKHILL ROAD) (TEMPORARY SPEED RESTRICTION) ORDER 2011

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Council of the Borough of Milton Keynes intends, not less than seven days from the date of this Notice to make an order under Section 14(4) of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984 because works to reduce vegetation are to be carried out at the A5 roundabout at Kelly's Kitchen, Milton Keynes. The effect of this will be to temporarily prohibit vehicular traffic from proceeding at a speed in excess of 40 mph along both sides of the following lengths of roads whilst works are being carried out. It is anticipated that the restrictions will commence on Monday 28 November 2011 and that they will continue until 23 December 2011, both dates inclusive. If works are completed sooner the original speed limit will be reinstated if it is safe to do so.

1. The A4146 from its junction with the A5 roundabout at Kelly's Kitchen, continuing for a distance of approximately 310 metres in a southerly direction;
2. Watling Street from its junction with the A5 roundabout at Kelly's Kitchen, continuing for a distance of approximately 390 metres in a north-westerly direction;
3. Brickhill Road from its junction with the A5 roundabout at Kelly's Kitchen, continuing for a distance of approximately 240 metres in a northerly direction.

There will be no exemptions from the provisions of the Order other than for emergency services vehicles and military vehicles.

The proposed order will come into operation on 28 November 2011 and will continue in force for a maximum period of 18 months or until the said works have been completed, whichever is the earlier. If the works are not completed within the period stated, a further order may be made.

The temporary speed restriction will be signed in accordance with Chapter 8 of the Traffic Signs Manual.

Any person committing a breach of the order will be liable upon prosecution to such fine as prescribed by the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984.

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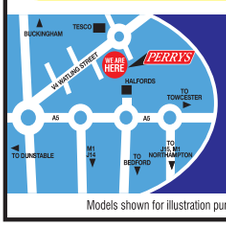

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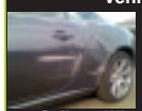

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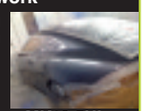

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LOCAL FOOTBALL

MK SUNDAY LEAGUE

STONY Stratford have gone top of the New City Heating Sunday League Premier Division with a comprehensive 11-1 win against FC Lifesearch.

CS Athletic have moved up to second place with a 7-2 win against Open University.

Previous leaders Willen have dropped to third after sharing six goals with Trade 2U.

In the other games Kings Arms defeated Loughton Athletic 4-1 and Stantonbury Social A and Great Mile Ash shared the points in a 2-2 draw.

In Division One Olney stay top after a comprehensive 7-0 win over MK Legends thanks to braces from Gary Janes and Greg Hardie and further goals from Paul Adams, Liam Bennett and an own goal.

Joint top with Olney are FC MMIX who hammered MK United 9-0 and AFC Santander who beat Buckingham Utd 3-2.

AFC's goals came from Lewis Gray, David Hamper and a wonderful finish by David Ashcroft.

Punjab Utd inflicted Stantonbury Social B's first defeat of the season with a 4-2 win.

In the other games Stoke Hammond MK beat New City Saints 7-0 and Stantonbury The Manor defeated Stacey Bushes 9-2.

MK Dons assistant manager JOHN GORMAN writes exclusively for MK NEWS every week

I WAS so impressed with every young player who was on the pitch against Nantwich on Saturday.

George Williams' goal was great for the club and for the future but there were other good performances from Brendan Galloway as well as Adam Chicksen, Tom Flanagan and Dan Powell who have all come through the system and are now part of the big scheme of things.

The lads who came back into the side did well too and there was reason to congratulate Angelo Balanta.

He's just become a dad to a little girl called Tia and although he didn't score a goal I thought he had an outstanding game.

It was also a great game for Dean Bowditch who got back into the swing of things with a couple of goals, and Jay O'Shea scored after coming back from injury, so there were a lot of plus points apart from the young ones being involved.

Naming the four youth players on the bench was a great gesture from Karl and shows how wonderful the youth set-up is, but so many players, for different reasons, had something to celebrate.

I feel a bit sorry for Jimmy Quinn and Nantwich as they put up a great effort but our quality just shone through.

If it wasn't for their goalkeeper it could have been a much larger score, he had a blinder.

The difficulty now will be picking the team for Saturday as there were six changes and now everyone will be back available.

Gary MacKenzie will be back after being away with Scotland, he didn't play but I think he enjoyed the experience of being with the team.

I saw Adam Smith play for England U21 against Iceland in Colchester, there was a bit of a worry when he went down injured but he'll be okay.

In the next round we will face Barnet, it's funny as when they came out of the draw I said 'that'll do us'.

I was happy with that one, it's not that far to travel so a good one for the fans.

We went there in pre-season and it was a day when we didn't take our chances but luckily we've scored a few since then.

They will be up for it and we want to get through to the third round.

LEAGUE ONE TABLE

			Home					Away						
	Team	P	W	D	L	F	A	W	D	L	F	A	GD	PTS
1	Charlton	17	5	3	0	21	7	7	1	1	18	7	25	40
2	Huddersfield	17	5	3	0	17	8	4	5	0	18	6	21	35
3	Sheffield Wed	17	7	1	0	18	5	3	2	4	13	18	8	33
4	MK Dons	17	4	5	0	19	9	4	1	3	11	8	13	30
5	Sheffield Utd	17	5	2	2	20	14	3	3	2	11	8	9	29
6	Notts County	17	5	2	1	16	8	3	2	4	14	15	7	28
7	Stevenage	17	4	3	2	15	10	3	2	3	9	8	6	26
8	Tranmere	17	4	4	1	8	4	3	1	4	11	12	3	26
9	Brentford	17	3	2	4	11	12	4	3	1	9	6	2	26
10	Carlisle	17	3	2	3	13	16	4	3	2	11	11	-3	26
11	Colchester	17	3	4	1	14	10	2	4	3	11	14	1	23
12	Hartlepool	16	2	2	4	7	11	4	3	1	15	13	-2	23
13	Preston	16	4	1	3	17	18	3	1	4	14	16	-3	23
14	Oldham	17	3	2	3	8	9	3	2	4	14	18	-5	22
15	Bury	17	2	2	4	10	13	4	1	4	10	12	-5	21
16	Bournemouth	17	2	1	5	8	13	3	3	3	13	13	-5	19
17	Scunthorpe	17	2	4	2	14	13	1	5	3	9	12	-2	18
18	Leyton Orient	17	2	2	5	9	15	2	4	2	10	13	-9	18
19	Exeter	17	3	2	4	9	13	1	2	5	6	15	-13	16
20	Walsall	17	2	3	4	7	10	1	3	4	9	11	-5	15
21	Rochdale	17	2	4	3	11	14	1	1	6	9	19	-13	14
22	Chesterfield	17	2	3	4	11	13	1	1	6	10	18	-10	13
23	Wycombe	17	1	2	5	8	13	2	2	5	9	14	-10	13
24	Yeovil	17	2	1	6	9	15	0	5	3	9	13	-10	12

DONS 6 NANTWICH TOWN 0

Mathias Kouo-Doumbe gets up to head home the first

Cup demolition had definite six appeal

SOME say that the FA Cup has lost its magic, but try telling that to young striker George Williams.

The famous old trophy has produced some great moments over the years and with time ticking away against Nantwich, the 16-year-old provided one that Dons are unlikely to forget.

When left one-on-one with experienced keeper Jonny Brain, the teenager dinked the ball around him with the composure of a seasoned pro and tapped the sixth Dons goal of the afternoon into the empty net.

The Cowshed erupted and every one of the Dons outfield players joined Williams to celebrate.

Karl Robinson set off down the touchline and later apologised for his enthusiasm at a sixth goal against non-league opponents.

Chairman Pete Winkelman was so happy that he interrupted the post match interviews to give his manager a hug.

Robinson said: "I apologise to their staff because at 6-0, going down the touchline to celebrate is not the most professional thing I've ever done, it's a bit embarrassing.

"But I thought the way he took it, the way he went around the keeper, was magnificent.

Jay O'Shea celebrates

"I just hope that he can keep developing at the rate he has done.

"People like him scoring gives me more scope to give the young lads more opportunities."

Williams became the youngest ever goalscorer for the club and he also claimed the youngest ever player record on Saturday – but that was broken just two minutes after he came on when 15-year-old midfielder Brendan Galloway was introduced as another substitute.

Robinson prides himself in caring for the youth of the club and is very much thinking about the long term.

He attends as many youth team games as possible and would have been delighted that the scoreline against Nantwich was comfortable enough to give the youngsters a chance.

This forward thinking also demonstrates a commitment to the club which proves that, for now at least, he is not interested when reports inevitably link him with jobs at a higher level.

There were other positives against Nantwich but they should be kept in perspective given that the opposition lie in the Northern Premier Division, three promotions away from the Football League.

The part-timers started gamely but their moment came and went when Mat Bailey's free header went awry.

From then on Dons, and particularly Dean Bowditch, were unforgiving.

The former Yeovil man swung in a pinpoint corner for Mathias Doumbe to head home the first before sliding in a second before half-time.

To their credit, Nantwich pushed forward after the break but this left gaps and they were hopelessly exposed to Robinson's passing game.

Bowditch bent in a free-kick after a free-flowing move was halted by a foul, and he then produced the perfect through ball for Daniel Powell to score number four.

Sub Jay O'Shea, returning from an ankle injury, scored a welcome fifth in his first game since August and Williams then stole the limelight.

Robinson, who had made six changes, said: "I thought the players' attitudes were magnificent, the way we moved and passed the ball, we were a credit to the industry.

"It was pleasing that we got the victory, we've got great strength in depth."

The manager added that a cup run could go hand in hand with a successful league run.

"It's so special this trophy," he said. "I want to go up to the Championship but a cup run would make the Chairman happy."

Jumping for joy: Dean Bowditch celebrates his second and Dons' third.

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RUGBY UNION

Coney Hill 36 Bletchley 5

BLETCHLEY made the trip to Gloucester and were well beaten by South West 1 East league leaders Coney Hill.

The hosts scored three converted tries and kept Bletchley out to lead 21-0 at half-time, and extended their lead eight minutes after the restart when Captain Sid King went over.

An Adam Griffiths try put Bletchley on the board but the conversion was missed and the visitors didn't score again.

Coney Hill added two more unconverted tries to leave Bletchley eighth in the table.

Reading 69 Olney 20

OLNEY suffered a heavy South West 1 East defeat which leaves them bottom of the pile.

A Pat Leahy try brought Olney into contention at 15-8 in the first half, but Reading were rampant and led 36-8 at the break.

There was no way back with two further Olney tries making no difference to the outcome.

Tadley 6 Milton Keynes 16

AN EXCELLENT defensive display saw MK secure victory in the Southern Counties North.

Phil Powell was the hero with all 16 of MK's points, the first arriving when he converted his own try in the first half.

Three penalties completed the scoring as some fine work at the back restricted Tadley to just two kicks of their own.

HOCKEY

MK Ladies 1sts 2 Maidenhead 2nds 2

MK WERE looking for a win to move up to second in the table but are instead third after having to settle for a draw.

In a tight game, Gemma Meredith slotted home to give MK a 1-0 lead at half-time and Sophie Reynolds then fired in to double the advantage.

However, MK then lost their way and two goals from penalty corners, the second in the closing moments, brought Maidenhead level.

TAEKWONDO

NEWPORT Pagnell resident Nikki Clark has retired from mainstream competitions as a World and European champion.

The third degree lightweight goes out at the top after winning double gold at the Europeans in Naples and will now focus on coaching and umpiring. Heavyweight Scott Owen from Milton Keynes picked up a bronze medal.

SWIMMING

THE City of Milton Keynes Swim Club competed in their home pool at the Stantonbury Campus Leisure Centre for the first time for many years in the Arena League on Saturday night.

Several teams were competing to win a place in the regional final and MK, hosting at short notice, finished a close second to City of Peterborough.

Many young swimmers gained personal best times and there were some excellent split times in the relays.

It is hoped that enough has been done to secure a regional final place – where two places at the nationals will be at stake – but results from other rounds are still to come.

This weekend hundreds of swimmers will descend on the Bletchley Leisure Centre for a level two meet, the highest possible without using a 50m pool.

ATHLETICS

THE Marshall Milton Keynes Athletic Club finished second in match two of the Chiltern Cross Country League in Watford.

However, they increased their lead at the top of the table after Windsor, Slough and Eton AC won the event and Bedford came third.

MK's women won their race, doing better than the men who had to settle for second.

Leading the women home was third placed Lara Bromilow in 25m 57s and the best of the men was 12th place Steven Tuttle who crossed the line in 33m 10s.

The best individual performance of the day came in the U13 boys race with a superb win for Alfie Yabsley.

ICE HOCKEY

Green delighted with GB call-up

MK Lightning pile on the pressure in the home game with Swindon Picture: Jez Tibbetts.

LIGHTNING defenceman Ross Green has been called into the Great Britain U20 squad for the World Championships.

The 19-year-old has spent his entire career playing in the city and enjoyed his first full season at Planet Ice in 2009/10.

He was recently named as Most Improved Player and hopes that the experience of the Worlds in Germany will help boost his domestic performances in the English Premier League.

"It's a great opportunity and a real honour to represent your country at the World Championships," Green said.

"Hopefully I can learn a lot from the experience to help improve my game for Lightning.

"It's going to be such a high standard of hockey in Germany – we're up against some tough opposition this year and it'll be a challenge, but with the team we have, if we play well we hope to be medal contenders."

The call-up has helped to soften the blow for Lightning after a frustrating double header against Swindon Wildcats this weekend.

Things started so well with a 5-3 victory in Swindon and when Lightning went 2-0 up in Milton Keynes on Sunday, a maximum points haul looked secure.

However, the Wildcats fought back to win 3-2 and Nick Poole's men had to settle for a split weekend.

The travelling support in Swindon saw a superb performance by Slovenian Blaz Emersic, who bagged a hat-trick which included two goals in the opening three minutes and one after just 28 seconds.

Juraj Gracik and Adam Brittle were also on the scoresheet which meant Aaron Nell's hat-trick for Wildcats was wasted.

Lightning literally struck twice the next night with another MK goal after 28 seconds – this time Poole got on the scoresheet by turning home Lewis Christie's parried shot.

Leigh Jamieson made it two after Gracik's pass but Swindon's fightback began almost immediately when a defensive mix up allowed in Nicky Watt.

Jonas Hoog beat net minder Alex Mettam while Lightning were on the powerplay and Nell then fired in to complete the shock comeback win.

Lightning are fourth in the table but have games in hand over those above them and face a trip to Sheffield Steeldogs and a home game with Telford Tigers this weekend.

"The league is so tight currently that every single point counts," Poole said.

Elsewhere Edward Knaggs, a U14 defender for MK Storm, has been called up by England.

FORMULA ONE

Vettel deflated after puncture ends record bids

SOME will say that Sebastian Vettel was due a bad weekend.

The German Red Bull man has been in blistering form this season but at the Abu Dhabi Grand Prix on Sunday things, for once, didn't go to plan.

A puncture forced the double World Champ to end his race on only the second corner – the first he has retired from a grand prix since Korea in 2010.

Vettel can no longer match Michael Schumacher's record for most wins in a season and he also can't take the records for highest percentage of podium finishes in a season and consecutive finishes in the points away from his compatriot.

His chances of breaking Jim Clark's record for highest percentage of laps led in a season also went up in smoke following the retirement.

He said: "On the exit of the first corner, everything seemed fine and then turning into the second corner I could feel that something was odd on the rear right.

"I had to catch the car surprisingly and then the second time, I couldn't do it anymore, as I'd lost too much air in the rear right tyre.

"I had a puncture and spun off. When I got back to the pits, the resulting suspension damage meant we couldn't carry on.

"There wasn't anything we could have done better really this weekend, we just need to look at what had caused the puncture.

"I had a good start and I was very happy with the car up until that point.

"To lose the race there, so early on, it hurts for sure. There wasn't much we could do, so after that I took the opportunity to learn a little bit on the pit wall."

Vettel started from the front and will beat Nigel Mansell's record of most pole positions in a season if he is again fastest in qualifying at the final race in Brazil this weekend.

Lewis Hamilton won in Abu Dhabi after claiming the win following Vettel's puncture, with the Brit racing strongly in his McLaren to hold off Fernando Alonso's Ferrari.

Hamilton is hoping that the win will kickstart his career and allow him to mount a more serious challenge to the city based Red Bulls next year after a testing season this time around.

Fellow Red Bull driver Mark Webber was fourth in Abu Dhabi, the same place he started from on the grid.

The constructors' champions are keen for the Australian to notch up his first win of the year.

Webber said: "We had a bad first pit stop, so we lost a lot of time with that. I got the car back onto the leaders, but we were out of position by then."

BASKETBALL

Lions preparing for last four rehearsal

MK LIONS had the weekend off, but they will be back on court tonight for a British Basketball League (BBL) clash at Plymouth Raiders.

Mike New's side will be looking for their first away victory of the season so the momentum gained after the first league victory over Guildford Heat can continue.

It is a match-up which also serves as a dress rehearsal for when the two sides square off in the BBL Trophy semi-finals in the New Year.

The winners of that clash, held over two legs, will advance to the final to have a crack at the silverware.

For now though, New is taking every game as it comes and it is the league game, not the huge semi-final, which is currently first and foremost in his thoughts.

"Playing them in the semi-finals doesn't change the way that I coach," he said.

"Every game is important to us and we want to play good basketball. We are focused on getting better every time out and that is the bottom line for us."

New said that he wasn't too disappointed with the last Lions result on the road, a narrow defeat to Newcastle Eagles.

He said: "We were a step slow and blew multiple assignments in the first half.

"In the second half we did a much better job of controlling the tempo and everyone to a man focused in on their assignments and carried them out.

"We gave ourselves a chance to win in the end and in a tough environment like Newcastle, that's not too bad.

"Against Eagles Demarius was outstanding, Daniel Northern is a walking double-double and Howard Crawford scored well."

Tonight's match is Plymouth's first in the league but they have been going well in knockout competition, reaching the last four of the BBL Cup as well as the Trophy.

They were impressive last time out with an 85-83 win at Sheffield Sharks.

"I have had a chance to see Raiders, but not since they added Jeremy Bell," New said.

"Their coach Gavin Love did an outstanding job of retaining a strong nucleus of Colbert and Anthony Rowe, and being able to add the league MVP to your roster speaks volumes about how serious they are about trying to win in Plymouth."

The next home assignment for the Lions takes place on November 25, when Glasgow Rocks are the visitors to Winterhill, with a 7.30pm tip-off.

This will be followed by another home clash on November 29 against Worcester Wolves, which will be beamed live by the Sky Sports cameras, again with a 7.30pm start.

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Champ Vettel feeling flat – page 75

Sweet 16: Teenager George Williams rounds off Saturday's FA Cup demolition with a goal he'll never forget. More on page 74. Picture: Andy Handley.

Hands off our young guns

BY DAN PALMER

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FUMING Dons boss Karl Robinson has demanded a full FA investigation into Premier League agents he says are illegally trying to poach the club's young players.

The 31-year-old said he was left feeling 'sick' after Saturday morning's U18 match with Bristol City – describing the game as a 'cattle market'.

He said: "It was a disgrace, I saw something in this industry that I will never accept.

"There were three agents going around trying to sign the kids who are 14 and 15 and there were four Premier League clubs illegally at our training ground watching.

"I'm going right to the FA, I'm going to the top, I've got them on tape and it will be done properly.

"I know who they were, they were asked to leave and I'm going to make sure that this doesn't happen any more.

"It made me sick. It wasn't nice, like we were at a cattle market.

"We've got good kids here, and I want them to stay here as it's a fantastic club, our coaching qualifications are up there with the best and we deserve the chance to keep them here, not vultures coming in to nick the kids.

"If a Premier League club saw Barcelona or Inter Milan trying to nick their kids there would be a massive investigation."

Robinson is upset by new Football League regulations which have seen the tribunal system, used to decide the fee when clubs cannot agree a price for youth players, abolished.

This could see the best young players from smaller clubs depart to football's giants for smaller, nominal fees.

Dons wonder-kid Seyi Ojo, described as the best 14-year-old player in the country, is already attracting interest from the Premier League.

Robinson went to watch him play for England U16 and said he saw an agent hiding behind a car.

"I've left messages with the FA, the Premier League, the LMA, and some big, big players as well," Robinson told MK NEWS.

"There's got to be protocol when dealing with young players, a code of conduct."

An FA spokesman told MK NEWS on Tuesday afternoon that correspondence had yet to be received.

Robbo relishing tie with FA Cup legend

FORMER Wimbledon hero Lawrie Sanchez stands between Dons and a spot in the all-important FA Cup third round.

The now Barnet boss wrote his name into folklore with a famous winning goal in the 1988 final against Liverpool and will now be hoping to derail Karl Robinson's cup dreams.

Dons were handed a tie at the League Two club as a reward for their 6-0 thumping of minnows Nantwich on Saturday and the story the tie throws up is not lost on Robinson.

"It's a good one isn't it?" the Dons manager told MK NEWS.

"Obviously one of Wimbledon's most famous days was capped off by a Lawrie Sanchez goal at Wembley.

"With the way we were formed and the links that he has, it puts the perfect spin on an FA Cup tie.

"From a travelling perspective it helps as it's only down the road, it'll be a competitive one and I couldn't have asked for a better cup tie really."

If Dons successfully negotiate the December 3 meeting at Underhill a place in the hat with the Premier League clubs and the possibility of a glamour tie will be the prize.

The draw also means that Dons will come face to face with former favourite Izzy McLeod, who scored 54 goals over three seasons before switching to Charlton Athletic for £1.1million.

Robinson said: "He's someone we know very well and respect an awful lot.

"He holds records for reasons which everyone can see, his goal ratio here was phenomenal and he made the club a lot of money on his departure."

Dons have two league games to focus on before the cup returns, starting with a trip to Colchester on Saturday, where Robinson expects to have a full squad.

"Last year we went one down and Sam Baldock scored his wonder hat-trick to get us a victory," Robinson said.

"We're obviously going there without Sam so other players will have to step up, they don't lose many at home."

Meanwhile, MK NEWS understands that midfielder Lewis Guy could be set for a move to Bradford City, while young striker Charlie Collins has been tipped to join Kidderminster Harriers on loan.

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